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These twelve baskets full of gathered fragments from the teaching which has fed me and countless hungering ones, I bring in grateful love to my teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., in the hope that she will bless them, thus multiplying them to meet the need of the multitudes who are fast coming to be fed at Christ's table.

"And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full."—MATTHEW 14: 19, 20.

FOREWORD

THE question is often asked, Why should we regard the Bible as the Word of God? Why, rather than any other book should it be cited as authority?

In reply to such inquiries, it is not enough simply to state one's own conviction of the inspiration of the Bible. The question comes back, How do you know that the Bible is inspired? What is your reason for believing its statements to be truth?

From early childhood, the Bible has been my familiar companion. Before I could read, I listened entranced to my father's sonorous voice as he read to us the Bible stories. I learned to read by spelling out the Psalms and Gospels. There is no more delightful reading for a child than many parts of the Bible. The pure English, the monosyllabic words, the simple, direct style and the peculiar repetition, all make an ideal reader for the beginner.

When I seek the reason for the strong hold that this Book of books has always had on me, I find one fundamental feature that differentiates the Bible from all other books. This is its absolute sincerity, its artlessness, its guileless portrayal of things just as they occurred. There is no attempt to embellish the theme, to divert the narrative into a desired channel to suit a prejudice or to satisfy a theory. There is no concealing of a defect, so as to present a character in a heroic mold; there is no attributing of motives in order either to excuse or to condemn an act. No opinions are ad-

vanced, no personal deductions are made. Every portrait is painted with the bold strokes of a master, right out from the clear depths of an impersonal but intense love of truth telling.

This renders the Bible an unerring guide in the analysis of human nature. Cause and effect are shown in their true relation. This is done with the unconscious art of entire devotion to truth, for the sake of truth itself. There is no embellishment for embellishment's sake. A noble deed stands in all its unadorned beauty and simple majesty; no personal comment disturbs its clear serenity which reveals fathomless depths of character.

From the tangled threads of human existence, the Bible narrators gather a few colored strands and weave for us a tapestry which vividly presents to us the characteristics of a nation, a tribe, a family, a person, an era, a locality, an event. If we stop to consider, we are amazed at the strong individuality that the Bible characters have for us. So little is said. So few words are used, and yet, here and there a seemingly trifling detail will lift the veil and reveal to us the soul life of an individual or of a race.

There is a fearless exposure of the most cruel crimes or the most shameless qualities, be they recounted of the "man after God's own heart" or of him "whom my soul abhoreth." There is an impartial sense of justice, a passionate love of righteousness, a zeal for truth, simple truth stripped of all human platitudes, which constitute the unparalleled moral worth of the Bible.

It is this essential truthfulness that gives the Bible its homogeneity. It stands as a whole and must be understood as a whole. Only the spirit of truth itself, outside of human bias, race prejudice and class

distinction, could ever have produced this masterpiece of literature. Its universality and impartiality make it the hand book of every man, woman and child, of whatsoever nation, age, or clime.

Because the thought of Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Ezekiel and the rest had its source on a higher level than human existence, they were seers and prophets. They spoke eternal truths which were to them actualities. From a spiritual elevation of thought, they looked upon human events with an extraordinary sense of proportion, impossible to one viewing these events on a level with those enacting them.

At times, the propelling spiritual force is so great that it comes with a mighty rush through the human channel, carrying before it, in its course, the obstructing customs, dogmas, prejudices and race beliefs, with such impetuosity, that the resulting confusion seems a chaos of ideas, full of ambiguity and tangled metaphors. These spiritual outbursts need spiritual insight, on the part of the reader. Only by inspiration, can the spiritual flood be separated from the material débris which the force of the living waters is carrying to destined oblivion.

The Gospel story crowns the Law and the Prophets with promises fulfilled. The parables of Jesus illustrate the narrative, here with fine pen etchings and delicate water color sketches, there with the strong, bold stroke of the cartoon and the warm deep tones of an oil.

Then follow the dialectics of the Epistles, with their earnest exhortations to accept the Christ as the very Son of God. The whole series closes with the Book of Revelation which has exercised the speculations of scholar and pietist throughout the waiting centuries.

Great as has been the influence of this library of

sacred writings upon the thought and consequent life of humanity, it is only within the last fifty years that the Key to its spiritual intent has been discovered. Christ Jesus withheld this Key, because as he told his students, they could not receive nor understand any more than he had given them. He promised to "come again," after the Spirit or Comforter should have opened the understanding to apprehend the truth.

The Key is Divine Metaphysics, or Christian Science, discovered by Mary Baker Eddy and set forth in the textbook written by her, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. In the light of Divine Metaphysics,

S. & H. 497 "we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life." We no longer read it from the standpoint of the physical but from the standpoint of the metaphysical and realize the truth of Mrs. Eddy's statement:

S. & H. 267 When examined in the light of divine Science, mortals present more than is detected upon the surface, since inverted thoughts and erroneous beliefs must be counterfeits of Truth. Thought is borrowed from a higher source than matter, and by reversal, errors serve as waymarks to the one Mind, in which all error disappears in celestial Truth.

Again on page ninety-nine of *Science and Health* we read:

> Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding. None may pick the lock nor enter by some other door.

Again on page fifty-five:

> In the words of St. John: "He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you *forever*." This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science.

The following citation from *Science and Health* shows how this Key opens "the door of the human understanding."

> Spiritually followed, the book of Genesis is the history of the untrue image of God, named a sinful mortal. This deflection of being, rightly viewed, serves to suggest the proper reflection of God and the spiritual actuality of man, as given in the first chapter of Genesis. Even thus the crude forms of human thought take on higher symbols and significations, when scientifically Christian views of the universe appear, illuminating time with the glory of eternity. S. & H. 502

Mrs. Eddy wrote the textbook of Christian Science. She also held classes for instruction in this subject. On page four hundred and forty-four of *Science and Health*, she says:

> The teacher must make clear to students the Science of healing, especially its ethics, that all is Mind, and that the Scientist must conform to God's requirements. Also the teacher must thoroughly fit his students to defend themselves against sin, and to guard against the attacks of the would-be *mental assassin*, who attempts to kill morally and physically. No hypothesis as to the existence of another power should interpose a doubt or fear to hinder the demonstration of Christian Science. Unfold the latent energies and capacities for good in your pupil. Teach the great possibilities of man endued with divine Science. Teach the dangerous possibility of dwarfing the spiritual understanding and demonstration of Truth by sin, or by recourse to material means for healing. Teach the meekness and might of life "hid with Christ in God," and there will be no desire for other healing methods.

Mrs. Eddy brought out this standard teacher. Her ideal has been realized in her student, Augusta E. Stetson, upon whom she conferred the degree of Doctor, or Teacher of Christian Science, C.S.D. Mrs. Stetson's work in New York City, where Mrs. Eddy placed her, some thirty years ago, is well known. During this time she has unremittingly taught and demonstrated the healing and redemptive power of Christian Science, as taught her by her Teacher, Mrs. Eddy, whom she delights to call Leader. Under Mrs. Eddy's wise guidance, and with her loving coöperation, Mrs. Stetson founded and built First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, the largest branch church of the denomination.

Of late, Mrs. Stetson has been speaking to the vast public that the press of New York City reaches all over the world. Thus she obeys the Scripture command, "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Matt. 10:8

As one of Mrs. Stetson's many students, I claim the priceless privilege of sharing with my hungering brothers and sisters in the world my rich inheritance—somewhat of that which I have received from this honored, loved and highly-prized teacher. This is my reason for publishing these letters and fragments which were written at various times and with no thought of their ever being collected into book form.

A Letter

to

Mrs. Eddy

READING ROOMS OF
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST,
NEW YORK CITY,
February 7, 1909.

REVEREND MARY BAKER EDDY,
CHESTNUT HILL,
BROOKLINE, MASS.

BELOVED LEADER:

The impelling thought has come to me, this evening, to write you a few words that I hope will have in them a love pure enough to reflect to you a ray of the Sun of Righteousness with whose radiance you are clothed.

We who are following, be it ever so haltingly, the God-appointed Leader are living in a world transformed by Christian Science. As I sit here, this evening, in this beautiful Reading Room dedicated to your cause, and feel the hush that speaks of conquered restlessness and obedient bodies; as I see the earnest, studious faces of these hundred or more silent seekers after Truth; and above all, as I feel the refreshment of this spiritual atmosphere, my heart cries out in gratitude to you, Beloved Leader, and to the Wisdom which bade you send your student, Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, to establish the "*Christianity* of Christian Science" in New York City. She has been faithful to the Principle you taught and are ever teaching her and has revealed this consciousness "which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Rem. 14

Heb. 11:10

Evening after evening, hungry ones gather here to

read and study your books. Has the hour come of
S. & H. 202 which you speak? "If men would bring to bear upon the study of the Science of Mind half the faith they bestow upon the so-called pains and pleasures of material sense, they would not go on from bad to worse, until disciplined by the prison and the scaffold; but the whole human family would be redeemed through the merits of Christ,—through the perception and acceptance of Truth. For this glorious result Christian Science lights the torch of spiritual understanding."

Dear Leader, I love you and am striving to overcome that in myself which would impede the bringing in of the reign of Righteousness.

Lovingly and faithfully
Your student's student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NOTE

The quotations in this volume are taken from the Holy Bible, from *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, from other writings of Mary Baker Eddy, and from writings by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.

The abbreviations from works by Mary Baker Eddy are as follows:

S. & H.	Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures
Mis.	Miscellaneous Writings
My.	The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany
Un.	Unity of Good
Rud.	Rudimental Divine Science
Pul.	Pulpit and Press
Ret.	Retrospection and Introspection
No.	No and Yes
'01.	Message to The Mother Church, June, 1901
Chr.	Christ and Christmas
Po.	Poems
Man.	Manual of The Mother Church

Other abbreviations used are:

Rem.	Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.
Po. A.E.S.	Poems, by Augusta E. Stetson
V. I.	Vital Issues in Christian Science The New York City Christian Science Institute, Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., Principal

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BASKET ONE

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Jesus' Earth Mission
The Open Door
The Daily Sacrifice

IN THE BEGINNING

THE first word of the Vulgate is "Genesis." This has been translated by the term "In the beginning." This is not in any sense a reference to time. We may express the metaphysical meaning in this way—at the source, God is the source, the Principle, the fundamental being of the universe. In other words we could say, the universe is the outcome, or expression, of God; it has its origin, or being, in God. God is the Cause of the universe; the universe is the effect of Being.

The first chapter of Genesis was written by Moses from the high spiritual standpoint of divine metaphysics, and may be regarded as the true statement of Man, who is the image and likeness of God. Moses *stated* man, but did not *demonstrate in full* this scientific presentation. Not until Jesus exercised the power of Spirit and spoke the Word, "Let there be light," did man appear or dawn upon human consciousness.

"Light" is spiritual understanding; it is the intelligence of divine Mind unfolding the infinite phenomena of Truth. This intelligence worked in Jesus until all the fulness of perfect thought was obtained and retained.

The first statement, "Let there be light" contains within itself all the subsequent declarations and their effect. As says the textbook of Science,[1] "This light is not from the sun nor from volcanic flames, but it is the revelation of Truth and of spiritual ideas." The first chapter outlines the mental activity necessary to behold and also to present all the forms and substance of true ideas which make up the full stature of man, as God's image.

S. & H. 504

Moses unfolds his statement of man and the universe in a succession of declarations and their ideal fulfillment. It should be clearly understood that these statements have *nothing whatsoever to do with matter*. They refer entirely to the infinitude of Mind and its spiritual manifestations—to that which material eye hath not seen, which material ear cannot hear, and which can never enter the heart of a mortal. It is that which God hath prepared, expressed for them who love Him. In other words, this perfect revelation of Love is appreciable only to the divine sense which *is* love.

By letting this statement relate in any way to the material, the schools have lost the original and only meaning, and have put the *shadow* of material sense in the place of the substance object of spiritual understanding.

Moses protests against this pernicious interpretation of God's world, by leading off with the emphatic declaration: "The universe has its origin in Spirit"

Gen. 2:1

[1] Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy.

and concludes with "Thus the heavens and the earth were *finished*, and all the host of them." He clearly shows the spirituality of this true conception when he says, "every plant of the field *before* it was in the earth, and every herb of the field *before* it grew," "And God saw *every* thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." Gen. 2:5 Gen. 1:31

Moses never intended that his account of man's relation to God, as that of effect proceeding from cause, should ever be referred *back* to some prehistoric period of time. He knew God to be "I AM THAT I AM." This statement of the universe and man is to be demonstrated individually and collectively by all. Ex. 3:14

After the clear and emphatic declaration that Spirit is the primitive and ultimate source of all that is, Moses transcribes the divine fiat—"Let there be light"—the supreme and all inclusive declamation. The rest of the chapter is the amplification and special description of the character or nature of man, or that which this light, spiritual understanding, reveals. Gen. 1:3

In the textbook of Science we read, as the definition of day:

> DAY. The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love. S. & H. 584
>
> "And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the good that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night there."

There is but one Day for there is but one Life, this Life is infinite—"That was the true Light, which lighteth every man." John 1:9

This Light fills all space with its reflection, this Love peoples its universe with its own objects, this Life manifests itself in infinitely varied expressions of existence. Moses scientifically classified this metaphysical revelation, or creation as it has been termed, according to an ascending scale of spiritual development of idea.

1st Day First the pure white light symbolic of All. Then, applying the prism of scientific thought he analyzes the rays of this spiritual presentation so as to determine the characteristic qualities.

2d Day The firmament is the understanding which immediately operates in accord with the divine Mind, of which it is a fundamental quality. By this spiritual understanding, the line of demarcation between the true and the false, the real and the unreal, is discerned.

3d Day As a result, the demonstration is made of the irresistible force of spiritual thought: the qualities of Soul appear; the earth, or idea of God's manifest Christ, is clothed with verdure, with the meekness of utter confidence and trust in the all-producing Principle, Love. The fruit-bearing tree of the consciousness which knows only good as substance, and whose seed is in itself, because this seed is the pure thought emanating from Mind, appears and satisfies the unquenchable desire to feed the spiritual sense with the unfailing evidence of divine presence.

4th Day The Sun, the great luminary of Day, the central Principle of its own systems of ideas is now recorded as forever ruling the Day, as eternally the Source of all being, as immovably supporting the magnitude and sublimity of its own manifest selfhood.

Accompanying the Sun is the moon, the reflection or manifest presence of good, denying imperatively and

absolutely, all darkness, by reflecting infinitely the rays of divine light emanating from the eternal Sun of Righteousness. The stars also indicate all the tributary qualities of Soul which differ one from another in the glory of their individuality.

The teeming thoughts of divine intelligence fill im- 5th Day
mensity and are characterized by the infinite attributes of Life, Truth, Love.

Our textbook says: "In the figurative transmission S. & H.
from the divine thought to the human, diligence, 514
promptness, and perseverance are likened to 'the cattle upon a thousand hills.'"

Creative Mind is ever reflecting or thinking—externalizing its own qualities in objects or thoughts; these thoughts taken collectively are the body or Christ of God, the universe, or realm of divine intelligence. It is discerned by the pure in heart, for to the pure all things are pure; that is: the pure thought emanating from Mind presents to itself and to others the perfect effect of that reflection or thinking, namely, an idea of God.

The full glory of God is now recorded. The image 6th Day
and likeness of Life, Truth, Love shines forth. The infinite Life is reflected in infinite existence; the immutable Truth is manifested in unchanging idea; Love crowns its object with the beauty of holiness. Man, the bodied forth Law, reigns as the executor of good. The stars sing together and the sons of God shout for joy. Every idea expresses individuality, from its inexhaustible Principle, and intelligently, joyously, freely responds to the harmonious action of omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent Mind.

This first chapter of Genesis is Moses' scientific statement of being.

See def. of Earth S. & H. 585 Gen. 1:2

The spiritual illumination of Jesus' teachings, however, gave John, the Revelator, a conscious perception of spiritual phenomena, so that the earth as compound idea was no longer "without form, and void." The firmament was established in his thought as the line of demarcation between the real and the unreal; his sense of substance no longer involved error and he saw the, to him, new heavens and new earth, the only true mental phenomena or creations, revealings of Spirit—Mind. This Revelation, Creation, will be the conscious possession of each and all in the degree that each one demonstrates the scientific statement of being as given by Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures:*

S. & H. 468

> There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal, matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

This scientific statement demonstrated is the infinite manifestation of Mind, the ideal man and universe of Mind's creating; God's image and likeness; the Christ of God.

THE ADORABLE ONE

In Genesis, first chapter, we read of the established firmament. In *Science and Health*, page 505, we read: "Spiritual understanding, by which human conception, material sense, is separated from Truth, is the firmament." "Understanding is the line of demarcation between the real and unreal. Spiritual understanding

unfolds Mind,—Life, Truth, and Love,—and demonstrates the divine sense, giving the spiritual proof of the universe in Christian Science."

Any system of thought that *tends* to obliterate this "line of demarcation," that clouds this understanding is pernicious to a *mortal* degree, because the "waters" or elements are not "separated" and the dry land or "absolute formations instituted by Mind," cannot appear—be apprehended, because the firmament or understanding is not established. S. & H. 507

"This understanding is not intellectual, is not the result of scholarly attainments; it is the reality of all things brought to light." S. & H. 505

Principle must be absolute or we have no foundation, no fundamental being. Our textbook says, "Principle is absolute. It admits of no error, but rests upon understanding." S. & H. 283

Christian Science insists upon divine consciousness *alone* as true. It relegates to the *un*real *all* that *spiritual* understanding does not cognize. It accepts only that which can be contained in the statement, "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.* 'There is no matter' is not only the axiom of true Christian Science, but it is the only basis upon which this Science can be demonstrated." My. 357

Jesus "planted Christianity on the foundation of Spirit, . . . and would recognize no life, intelligence, nor substance outside of God." S. & H. 133

Christian Science *alone* as taught by Mary Baker Eddy is Christian for it alone teaches Christ as the full manifestation of Mind; it alone holds up the precept of Jesus "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." Christian Science alone as taught by Mary Baker Eddy is Science Matt. 23:9

—is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. How is this? Because its Principle "is God, the Supreme Being, infinite and immortal Mind, the Soul of man and the universe. It is our Father which is in heaven. It is substance, Spirit, Life, Truth, and Love."

Rud. 1

There is but one Principle, one Cause, one Father, one Mother, one Mind, one Truth, one Life, one Love. Principle involves demonstration; Cause is followed by effect; Father implies son; Mother declares daughter; Mind must think and have idea. Truth must be known in phenomenon; Life is manifest in existence; Love is never deprived of its object.

This demonstration, effect, son, daughter, idea, phenomenon, existence, object is like its Principle, Cause, Father—Mother, Mind. It is in fact the image and likeness of God. It is "the full representation of Mind." It is the compound idea, the male and female of Spirit's creating. It is the bridegroom that "decketh himself with ornaments" and the bride that "adorneth herself with her jewels." It is the Body or manifestation of God. It is the "city which hath foundations." It is forever the "New Jerusalem." It is "the temple of the Holy Ghost." It is the Church of the First Born. It is the "superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life." It is the only universal or catholic Church. This Idea is wholly spiritual for "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*." "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." "Hallowed be Thy name. *Adorable One*."

S. & H. 591
Isa. 61:10
Heb. 11:10
Rev. 3:12
1 Cor. 6:19
Pul. 2
My. 357
S. & H. 468
S. & H. 16

Any system of thought less absolute in its fundamentals is not scientific, neither is it Christian; therefore it is most pernicious in its influence because its

fundamentals are wrong, are not spiritual, are diametrically opposed to the Adorable One who is the demonstration of the scientific statement of being.

The belief of more than One is a false claim of personal sense, evil, devil, sin, sensuality, plurality, duality. It is not principle; it is not life nor truth. It is not father nor mother, it is not mind. It *is* not.

Therefore its claim to effect, result, demonstration, existence or reality is a baseless lie. Its claim to being a father and mother cannot bring forth sons and daughters. Then the claim of mortals, male and female, is a myth, an illusion.

This claim Mrs. Eddy calls mortal mind. This mortal mind claims a manifestation, this belief-cause imposes belief-effect. This is the beast, the great red dragon, the mirage of material, false sense, called a material universe. It is Babylon which "is fallen." It is the house built on sand. It is matter, illusion, lie, belief. It never can be anything but a false concept, and is nothing. It seems to appear for it counterfeits "form, outline, and color." It organizes itself only to break itself up.

Rev. 14:8

S. & H. 247

This false universe, body, temple, this dream structure of error founded on sensuality and finished in death, nothingness, is mortal mind's pantheon which strives to ape the One Temple. But the *Oneness* of Good cannot be counterfeited so there appears the duality of evil, the plurality of finite personalities or carnal beliefs. This chaotic claim of a so-called mind is the whole lie of mortal so-called man, it is the material organization in all its aspects.

This unreality appears where Reality should appear, where Reality is. "Let thy work *appear* unto thy servants, and thy *glory* unto their children." That cry

Ps. 90:16

has been answered from time to time. The cloud has
S. & H. 333 been pierced, "Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the
S. & H. 313 essence of Love." "Jesus of Nazareth was the most scientific man that ever trod the globe. He plunged beneath the material surface of things, and found the spiritual cause." He demonstrated the Christ. He beheld the real Man. He brought this ideal so close to the consciousness of his disciples that Peter caught
Matt. 16:16 the effulgence and exclaimed, "Thou art the Christ." At once Jesus knew that the Temple, the Christ, the Idea of Mind, the Body of God, had been touched, reached, apprehended. Thereupon he declared that the gates of hell could not prevail against it. The clouds of material sense could never completely shut it out. The adherents of Jesus' teachings were called Christians and the idea which they beheld was the Christian Church, its head Christ.

At this time the great "world power" was Rome. This world power, this material, carnal thought-force rejected the Truth, tried to kill it, to crucify it. But the divine Idea was powerful enough to work the mighty works of God. So much so that three hundred years after its demonstration by Jesus, Constantine, the head of the Roman world power, tried to take possession of the Idea by force and use it as a temporal power. Thus was cast over the Idea the mortal, human concept. The dragon pursued the Man child; the flood of materialism covered consciousness; and the dragon assumed the authority and name of Church of Christ. The catholic church may be used as a term for universal human opinions, including pagan mythology, material so-called science, theosophy, and scholastic theology. The term

comprises all that is based on the belief of life in matter; its proper symbol is the dragon; it wars with the spirit and "is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," for it is evil, or mortal mind and its embodiment. The *head* of the dragon, the subtlest, the basest counterfeit of the wholly spiritual is that organism which has fitly named itself *mortal* man. Through hypnotism, mesmerism and suggestion it rules and manipulates its own false concept, the material universe, and mortal physical personality. Mrs. Eddy has uncovered the claim, exposed the subtle workings of animal magnetism and has given the divine rule and method for its destruction.

Rom. 8:7

Materialism recognizes and teaches, as God-ordained, procreation and material propagation in all its phases and degrees. Christian Science repudiates *all* material generation from the highest, so-called, to the lowest, as unchristian, unscientific, un*real*. Spiritual sense, which is the only scientific sense, takes no cognizance of material phenomena. They do not enter into the realm of true knowledge or understanding.

Christian Science sets forth the first chapter of Genesis and recognizes man as the image and likeness of Principle, Life, Truth, Love. All the so-called scholastic churches are the exponents of the second chapter of Genesis and are active champions and demonstrators of the dualism therein allegorized.

Scholastic Theology is radically antichristian in its teaching and practice. Consequently it is opposed by its very nature and inception to spiritual understanding and the demonstration of Life. Its influence is mortal as opposed to immortal; material as opposed to spiritual; pagan as opposed to Christian; polytheistic as opposed to monotheistic. Its heart being pagan

and materialistic, its atmosphere is detrimental to the morals and health of mankind.

This must all be so if we accept the theology of the Bible. In order, however, to ascertain scriptural theology we must not confuse the theology with the attempted following of it, by the many biblical characters, as we know them. Jesus alone is held up as the true example and exemplar. It is the same in the clearer setting forth of this theology, as we have it in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. We *must* demand that the *teaching* be pure, uncontaminated by *any* affluent from other than the one Source, divine Mind—Spirit. As demonstrators of this Science, we hold, as preëminent, Christ Jesus, who proved its absoluteness and his understanding of it.

Whatever may be at the present moment the degree to which Christian Scientists, either as individuals or collectively, may be *demonstrating* the Science of Life, has nothing to do with the prime necessity for the setting forth of the true teaching in its absoluteness and essential spiritual, scientific, Christian purity.

The more we study the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings and the more we consecrate thought, energy and desire to the demonstration of Truth, Life, Love—the triune Principle of all, the more convinced we become that every *thing* is embraced in this Principle, and that by a full understanding all *things* are ours in their true depict, and substance.

Any book that is not founded *entirely* on Mrs. Eddy's discovery and is not the outgrowth of an understanding of Life as set forth in her writings is not a safe guide, is in fact, in these crucial times, positively unsafe.

Theosophy and occultism are poisoned at the fountain head by dualism. They are not sound in the

fundamentals, and are therefore dangerous. They develop unconsciously, in the thought of the reader, the human element which is opposed to the divine.

The *simplicity* of the Truth is unassailable. It admits of *no* human hypotheses. It stands alone, supported alone by itself, "the sustaining infinite." S. & H. Pref. vii

We need to constantly refresh our conception of Truth, Life, Love by turning consciously to this triune Principle and by being in the mental atmosphere of its prophets and demonstrators.

The Bible and Science and Health constitute the textbook, for they are one.

Mrs. Eddy's other writings are founded on this "one" revealed truth. Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, by Augusta E. Stetson, is the outcome of the textbook, Science and Health, and is a record of its first fruits. What shall the *full* harvest be? Mankind's entire emancipation from the sensuous dream, and the complete revelation of Christ,—man in the image and likeness of God.

Written in 1912.

GLORIOUS GLIMPSES

"God said, Let us make man in our image . . . male and female." Gen. 1 26-27

God is Life, Truth, Love, the triune Principle—Mind, Soul.

Man is His expression, idea, body, His very self or person.

We call this idea Christ. Christ is the entire Idea and has infinite members. These members are individual ideas; each and all expressing, proceeding from, and governed by Soul, the one Principle—Mind.

This forever fact of creation has penetrated, from time to time, the "mist" which went up "from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." "Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love."

Gen. 2:6

S. & H. 333

Let us recall some of these "glimpses" as they are chronicled in the Bible.

After a great battle with the kings of the surrounding country, Abram rescues his brother Lot, who has been taken captive by these kings. Abram returns laden with the spoils of his victory.

Gen. 14:18-21

> And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he (Abram) gave him tithes of all.

No further mention is made of this priest of the most high God, until a thousand years later David rises into a prophetic rhapsody and, in viewing the power, majesty and glory of Christ, declares: "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

Ps. 110:4

Another thousand years, and Paul elucidates Christ's kingship and priesthood in these words:

Heb. 6:20 7:1-4, 16

> The forerunner is for us entered (within the veil), even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedec. For this Melchizedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To

whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. . . . Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

Abram caught a glorious glimpse, indeed, of the real man whose only parent is Life and Love.

Science and Health sums up the character of Jacob in these words, which form a definition: S. & H. 589

A corporeal mortal embracing duplicity, repentance, sensualism. Inspiration; the revelation of Science, in which the so-called material senses yield to the spiritual sense of Life and Love.

The story of duplicity, sensualism and repentance is familiar to all who have read the Bible narrative. How unnecessary the duplicity, how gross the sensualism, how deep the repentance.

But there comes an hour when Jacob must face his betrayed brother; he sends before him gifts and conciliatory greetings:

And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. . . . And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. Gen. 32 6, 7, 24

Jacob's true spiritual nature was overthrowing the false concept of his brother; Truth and its truth prevailed:

Gen. 32 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

Gen. 33 1, 4, 10 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came. . . . And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. . . . And Jacob said, . . . I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

Was not this a glorious glimpse?

Many times must the glimpse have been caught by Moses. I will speak of one only.

Appointed and anointed of God to lead his people out from bondage, Moses was especially fitted and prepared for his great work. I can do no better than quote Stephen's defense, in the Acts of the Apostles:

Acts 7 18-29 Another king arose, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live. In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood

not. And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday? Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian.

Here in this wild hill country, Moses spent forty years. He must have meditated much on the glorious destiny promised the now despised race, his own brethren, held in bondage by the greatest potentate of the then known world. His life as a shepherd, by its many hardships, gave him the discipline that he afterwards needed, in his dealings with a people who had been held for so long a period, in the dwarfing condition of slavery. The long hours of patient watching of his sheep must have been passed in earnest meditation of the great work which was unfolding itself to him—that of Deliverer of his people.

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, Ex. 3 1-6

the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

What did Moses see? Did he catch a glorious glimpse of the real universe? Is not our God a consuming fire? Did this forever present reality dispel the "mist"? Did this consuming fire, this spiritual illumination of divine intelligence, destroy the false concept, the material object which is the counterfeit of spiritual reality? Under the pressure of truth, did the creation of erroneous sense yield place to the plant which God created "before it was in the earth"? Must not every real object of Mind's creating appear, as fire would reveal but not consume? God is Light, and is the Father of lights—His Christ, or image, is of like substance, or nature.

Gen. 2:5

Moses led his people to the Jordan, and, from the Pisgah mount, viewed the land, or consciousness, where the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter was to be brought out in the revelation of Christ.

Moses' visible leadership passed to Joshua.

Josh. 5 13-15

And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

The later prophets likewise "caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love." S. & H. 333

And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. I Kings 19:11-18

Science and Health defines "WIND. That which indicates the might of omnipotence and the movements of God's spiritual government, encompassing all things. Destruction; anger; mortal passions." What a glorious glimpse Elijah here caught of the "might of omnipo- S. & H. 597

tence and the movements of God's spiritual government, encompassing all things." He also saw the futility of "mortal passions."

As a faithful, loyal student and follower, Elisha held closely to his great teacher. He knew that Elijah had soon to yield to the impelling action of divine Mind and rise to a higher work.

II Kings 2:9-12

And . . . Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

Heb. 11:32

"The time would fail me to tell of" all the "glorious glimpses"; in many instances a whole panorama is displayed for a flashing moment.

(See def. of Eyes. S. & H. 586)

Elisha so quickened the spiritual discernment of his student that he too was able to see the host of heaven:

II Kings 6:15-17

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

These flashes of light from the Sun of Righteousness have afforded to those who had eyes to see, "glorious glimpses" of the real man and real universe. But immediately the mist has gathered and again shut out the heavenly vision.

This mist, or corporeal sense, denominated Adam, claims life and intelligence, thus casting a seed into his garden, or his subdivided sensuality, which he calls Eve "the mother of all living." This feminine element of mist, or Adam, conceives and fructifies the seed engendered by the masculine element. The mist, or Adam-Eve illusion, holds within itself all the belief of mortal generation: The kingdom of hell is like unto a belief which took a seed, its own subdivided belief, and cast it into a garden, into the soil of its own subdivided lust, and it, the belief, grew and waxed a great tree, even the tree of knowledge whereof if one eat he shall die; and every unclean and hateful bird lodges in the branches of it.

Gen. 3:20

But this is the myth, the false claim, not the truth of being.

Immortal Mind, the Principle or divine energy of Christ, continually operated on the false claim until a point of least resistance was found.

> The illumination of Mary's spiritual sense put to silence material law and its order of generation, and brought forth her child by the revelation of Truth, demonstrating God as the Father of men. The Holy Ghost, or divine Spirit, overshadowed the pure sense of the Virgin-mother with the full recognition that being is Spirit. The Christ dwelt forever an idea in the bosom of God, the divine Principle of the man Jesus, and woman perceived this spiritual idea, though at first

S. & H. 29

faintly developed. . . . Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God.

Later, we find Jesus, at the age of maturity, about his Father's business. He was in the temple disputing with the teachers of the people. Was he not contending with them on this very point of the true origin of man? He *knew* he had been begotten of no Adam, no mist! He was himself a loyal ray from the great Sun of Righteousness, illumining the darkness of belief and dispelling the "mist." He repudiated the Adam claim of a life-propagating power in the "mist," to multiply and infest the earth with the serpent brood, called mortals.

From this moment, Jesus fought the earthly condition which he received from Mary. As soon as the Hebrew law permitted, he entered public life as a teacher. He did not, however, do this by taking upon himself the fetters of a highly developed material organization. He comes quietly to the river Jordan, with the multitudes who are seeking the baptism of repentance.

The sin of the world is Adam, the mist that hides the Christ. It is the seed, or claim to life and intelligence in protoplasm, it is the belief that man is the author of man.

See Matt. 4 1-11

After his baptism, Jesus was driven of the Spirit into the wilderness. He was there with the wild beasts. There he fought out the carnal nature, which reached him through the earthly condition of his mother.

We can have a very clear sense of what the wild beasts were, from the colloquy which followed. The tempter came to him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Jesus had fasted—he had starved the human till it cried out for the illusion of material belief to satisfy it.

Jesus knew that these beliefs only fed belief, and, true to his divine nature, to the Christ, he declared, man shall live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. "Then the devil . . . setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple." Did Jewish theology argue to him that he could make himself a priest, after the established Levitical order? that he could use that great institution to further the kingdom of God? that he could cleanse the temple of Pharisaical abuses, as the great prophets and kings had done? He would be made high priest after this order by a reformed priestly class; he could compromise somewhat, so as to conform to the uses and exigencies of an ignorant period; he could do this without detriment to his great work; how else could he uplift this priest-ridden people? Even if he did have to cast himself down from the pinnacle of his high ideal it is written, "He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Jesus meets this specious argument with the quick counter-thrust, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." His whole reliance must be in the demonstration of his sonship. He is the priest after the order of Melchizedek, without material father or mother, without beginning of days or end of life. He must go in the "power of an endless life." "Before Abraham was, I am," must be his cry. Then how could he take upon himself the shadowy insignia of that which he was himself to overthrow, even that which is made "after the law of a carnal commandment."

Heb. 7 16
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Then, before his mental vision appear all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, in a moment of time. He recalls the promises to God's chosen people. He is a Jew! He is of the chosen tribe of Judah! He

is of the royal house of David! What could he not do, with a fanatical race to follow him, a race naturally war-like, and at this moment, restive and rebellious under the iron heel of Rome. What political and municipal power could be his, with which to institute and carry out reforms! His wise and selfless administration would establish again the old theocracy.

But at once came the thought, my kingdom is not of this world. I am a king but I must first be crowned with thorns. Instead of acclamation and recognition by Adam, I must rouse the antagonism, the mockery of this world power. My weapons are not carnal, but they are mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds.

Jesus could not use the world's methods, nor even acknowledge them as power, for it is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him." Jesus had conquered Adam. Every masculine attribute of the mist melted before the fervent heat of his reflection of his Father. He had killed the *seed* of materialism. The prince of this world found no part in him! At this point in Jesus' career John, the greatest prophet born of woman, recognized his spotless nature and proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God."

John 1:29

Jesus continued to rise, shedding the glorious light of the Christ mind on every shadowy belief which crossed his ascending pathway, till, at length, he dispelled entirely the earthly condition given to him of Mary. The true seed thus came to light—the seed in which all the earth was blessed.

Luke 13: 18-19

"Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and

it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it."

The forever coming Christ gathering new energy from the infinite centre and circumference of all being—even omnipotent Principle,—again found a point of least resistance, and Eve gave way before the irresistible pressure of the truth that God is the Mother of man.

"And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." Luke 13:20-21

His [Jesus'] parable of the "leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened," impels the inference that the spiritual leaven signifies the Science of Christ and its spiritual interpretation,—an inference far above the merely ecclesiastical and formal application of the illustration. S. & H. 117, 118

Did not this parable point a moral with a prophecy, foretelling the second appearing in the flesh of the Christ, Truth, hidden in sacred secrecy from the visible world?

Ages pass, but this leaven of Truth is ever at work. It must destroy the entire mass of error, and so be eternally glorified in man's spiritual freedom.

This leaven, or Science of Christ, is the great truth that man is the Christ of God, that he is compound idea, both male and female, "the full representation of Mind." S. & H. 591 Jesus touched upon this only very lightly. He said, however, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." "I will come again." John 16:12 14:3 He gave to the world all that it could then "bear." He told them plainly of the *Father*. He declared that man could have no other Father. Instead of accepting this truth as literal and actual, men have

taken that statement allegorically, and so have lost its essential meaning. The claim to any father other than God, Jesus declared to be a lie and the father of lies only. Jesus was constantly declaring his sonship, his emanation from Spirit, which he called Father.

In Jesus, prophecy was fulfilled. The seed of the woman planted his *heel* on the serpent's *head*. *Adam* is the *head* of his own body, the father of his own sin. In declaring God to be Father, Jesus opposed Adam's reality and inaugurated the conflict between the real and the unreal, between Christ and Adam, between man and mortal.

S. & H. 266 Man "reflects the beatific presence, illuming the universe with light." The power of this illumination has finally pierced the denser gloom of the Adam belief, the claim that his rib is "the mother of all living," that it can conceive, can think or know, can behold or cognize, and present an erroneous sense of substance, calling it matter. This claim is the body of the serpent. As the Christ crushed the *head*, so will it destroy the *body*. This could be done only by the fuller revealing of Christ, or Man, as compound idea, image.

The everpresent Christ continued to press upon the claim of corporeal sense which again yielded at the point of least resistance and Mary Baker Eddy proclaimed the *motherhood* of God.

Thus the revelation of the divine Principle became complete, and the bald imposition of Adam's rib being the "mother of all living" was exposed.

Matt. 6:9 Jesus taught his disciples to pray: "Our Father which art in heaven." He has come again, as he promised, and amplified his prayer into the fuller

S. & H. 16 statement: "*Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious*, Hallowed be Thy name." Step by step has the Christ

man gained upon the Adam belief. Higher and higher has the Sun of Righteousness risen upon the darkness of chaos and old night. The healing rays are dispelling the shadows of the dream man. The hypnotic sleep of Adam has been broken, his dream is becoming more and more confused under the constant operation of irresistible Truth. The motherhood of God is silencing the clamorous claim of Eve, for Man has been revealed to the understanding as not born of the flesh, and as having a building not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Thou, infinite Father-Mother, art the "*Adorable One.*" S. & H. 16
"*Thy kingdom is come; Thou art ever-present.*" Nothing else is presence for there is no other father or mother, no lying serpent sense to declare an illusive false phenomenon. Eve is disbelieved. "The Lamb's wife presents the unity of male and female as no longer two wedded individuals, but as two individual natures in one; and this compounded spiritual individuality reflects God as Father-Mother, not as a corporeal being." S. & H. 577

Adam, cruel mortal belief, is deprived of his crown, his false assumption of reality. The claim, with its beliefs, is yielding everlasting place to Principle and its representatives.

> The impersonation of the spiritual idea had a brief history in the earthly life of our Master; but "of his kingdom there shall be no end," for Christ, God's idea, will eventually rule all nations and peoples—imperatively, absolutely, finally—with divine Science. This immaculate idea, represented first by man and, according to the Revelator, last by woman, will baptize with fire; and the fiery baptism will burn up the chaff of error with the fervent heat of Truth and Love, melting and purifying even the gold of human character. S. & H. 565

Our Master, Jesus, announced and demonstrated the ideal man. Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, announced and demonstrated the ideal woman. But these two are one truth; even as in the inversion by perverted sense, Adam and Eve were one lie. From the spiritual recognition of this truth, will the earth be redeemed from the curse of Adam. For this compound ideal Man was the earth blessed, and bidden to bud and blossom as the rose. To this immortal Christ, was everlasting dominion given. We are all members of this One altogether lovely, this only begotten, this loved of the Father. He is the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, . . . which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." "Of the increase of his government . . . there shall be no end."

Rev. 1:8

Isa. 9:7

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SPIRITUAL IDEAS

S. & H. 512

Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love. These angels of His presence, which have the holiest charge, abound in the spiritual atmosphere of Mind, and consequently reproduce their own characteristics. Their individual forms we know not, but we do know that their natures are allied to God's nature; and spiritual blessings, thus typified, are the externalized, yet subjective, states of faith and spiritual understanding.

This is given as the metaphysical, scientific exegesis of Genesis 1:21:

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth

abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

This same verse is interpreted as follows, in the third edition of *Science and Health*, page 115:

> And Spirit gives Her ideas great strength as they rise higher to reflect the infinite idea of omnipotent Mind. Spiritual aspirations represent Life without end, and are high and holy thoughts,—the angels that She giveth charge over thee, and which Spirit produces abundantly after their kind, while they reproduce their own characteristic acts.

The "angels of His presence" are "holy thoughts, winged with Love"; are the soaring aspirations of Life's, God's, infinite ideas.

Every "creature that moveth" is an angel of His presence, a thought of His idea, a reflection, by the idea, of some quality inherent, resident in Mind. In other words: thoughts are things, living thoughts are "living creatures." Our textbook says: "The reflection through mental manifestation, of the multitudinous forms of Mind which people the realm of the real is controlled by Mind, the Principle governing the reflection." S. & H. 303

Some of these qualities are known to us, some of these angels of His presence. "Moral courage is 'the lion of the tribe of Juda,' the king of the mental realm." "The serpent of God's creating is neither subtle nor poisonous, but is a wise idea, charming in its adroitness, for Love's ideas are subject to the Mind which forms them,—the power which changeth the serpent into a staff." "In the figurative transmission from the divine thought to the human, diligence, promptness, S. & H. 514 515

and perseverance are likened to 'the cattle upon a thousand hills.' They carry the baggage of stern resolve, and keep pace with highest purpose.' Patience finds its representative in Mind's "tireless worm, creeping over lofty summits, persevering in its intent."

In the third edition we read: "In the metaphysics of creation, fowls are seen as God's thoughts flying in heaven, moving in harmony, the aspirations or angels of His presence."

This brings us to our original citation which we take up with these words: "Their individual forms we know not, but we do know that their natures are allied to God's nature." Shall we not know their individual forms "through mental manifestation," when we fully and consciously reflect the divine nature or quality? When we possess, by reflection, moral courage, in its perfection, we shall *see* the lion of *Mind's* creating. When brute force, or so-called animal courage, has given entire place to the kingly quality of moral courage, there will no longer appear the lion furious and carnivorous.

When patience has wrought in us her perfect work, there will not exist the repugnant worm, which is but the subjective state of self-pity, apathy, indifference, mock humility and ignorant submission to perversions of God's law.

Instead of the loathsome counterfeit, will appear the perfect characteristic reproduction of the infinite beauty of divine patience which in humility climbs the steep ascent of holiness.

The aspirations of mortals are made up largely of personal ambition, aggrandizement, and aggression. They often involve envy, jealousy, covetousness and pride. They lead sometimes to slander, deception,

robbery, and murder. Therefore these fowls of the air are mortal, finite, destructive.

But the aspirations of man, God's idea, are the fowls that "fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven," in the clear understanding of harmony. These birds of truth feed on no poisonous insects formed by cruel, bitter, petty thoughts; they are supported by no sluggard worm. They are strengthened, maintained, kept on upward wing, by the pure reflection of their characteristics which individual man, the idea of Mind, reflects. Gen. 1:20

These pure desires soar on wings of love, in the transparent atmosphere of Mind. They rest on no hilltop of human achievement, but reach the mount of spiritual reality, which rises serene, above the clouds of doubt and fear, into the calm azure and clear atmosphere of Soul.

In the spiritual realm of Mind is no carnal, animal appetite to evolve a brute beast and then feed upon the object of its own subjective state. This round of nothingness, dust to dust, does not obtain in reality for, as Paul says, "Meats for the belly and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them." I Cor. 6:13 "Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each day brings to a nearer tomb." S. & H. 248 God made "every plant of the field before it was in the earth," before there was ever a carnal concept to feed a flesh belief. Gen. 2:5 "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat." The plants of Mind's creating can never be put into the ground of mortal thought. They spring eternal in the immortal thought; they are "beautiful images of thought," which we enjoy, but do not consume, which strengthen and nourish, but are never destroyed. Gen. 2:16

What a living world stretches out before our mental vision! Every thought, pure, free, joyous in its conception unconfined, reproducing its own characteristics, in beauty of form, outline, and color, with a substance
S. & H. 468 "eternal and incapable of discord and decay."

Our Leader says: "Have you ever pictured this
S. & H. 91 heaven and earth, inhabited by beings under the control of supreme wisdom?"

This heavenly substance universe, this vesture of Life, this divine manifestation of Mind, must, will appear, as we realize the kingdom within us. Even now

Po. 4

> Love is our refuge; only with mine eye
> Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:
> His habitation high is here, and nigh,
> His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

Matt. 5:8 We know that the pure in heart "*see God.*" The impure see their own impure thought. The pure behold Christ, manifest good, not sin, disease and death. They look out on the ever new heaven and new earth, the reflection of pure Mind, eternal verities. This divine nature, this Word of God, that *is* God,
S. & H. 17 "*leadeth us not into temptation, but delivereth us from sin, disease, and death.*" We see *thoughts*. Therefore only as we think the thoughts of divine Mind are we delivered from the sin of a universe of mortal conception, the subjective state of fear, infidelity, ignorance, and sensuous belief.

Isa. 61:11 Isaiah's words come to mind, "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your [carnal] thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; So shall my *word* be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. . . . Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree. Isa. 55 9-13

There's a sense beyond the finite,
  Which inhales God's atmosphere,
And smells the sweet aroma
  Of Love's flowers ever near;
Which wanders in His garden,
  Drinking in the perfumes rare,
And nothing knows of planting,
  Of watering, nor of care. Po. 94 A. E. S.

Have you wandered in this garden, "drinking in the perfumes rare"? The rose of Sharon, radiant smile of God, and the lily of the valley unfold, as Spirit "opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may appear." "The grass beneath our feet silently exclaims, 'The meek shall inherit the earth.' The modest arbutus sends her sweet breath to heaven." "Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud." S. & H. 506 S. & H. 516 S. & H. 518

These flowers cannot fade. They bud and blossom in thought and are without any conditions of decay. We need not pluck these exquisite blooms of thought for they "are the externalized, yet subjective, states of faith and spiritual understanding." Idea obeys the S. & H. 512

impelling power of Love and reproduces by reflection the forms of creative Mind, thus fulfilling the divine command: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

Gen. 1:28

Cant. 6:2

"My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies."

Written in 1912.

MIND NOT MATTER

Jesus used neither physical force, electrical energy, chemical processes, nor even learned arguments to bring about a change of phenomena. The blind saw, the dumb spake, the deaf heard, the lame walked, the maniac became sane, the sinning rejoiced in a conscious emancipation from the tyranny of sin, and the suffering, the dying, the dead rose into a fuller sense of life, the moment they touched the hem of Christ's garment, his outermost thought.

What was this thought, this regenerative power? He himself called it "my Father"; Paul called it "Mind." As Jesus rose into a fuller recognition of his sonship, a clearer understanding of the parent Mind, a firmer grasp on Intelligence, he developed an absolute knowledge of Power and he entered into man's divine heritage, dominion over all things.

Through his knowledge of Truth, Jesus turned the water into wine; multiplied the loaves and fishes; stilled the tempest, walked the waves; passed through closed doors; read the thoughts of men; discerned the silent appeal for aid; uncovered and rebuked hidden sin; called down upon himself the impotent wrath and futile plots of a despotic ecclesiasticism; "having never learned" he refuted the teachings of every school of

John 7:15

philosophy, science and theology. In fact, as we study the life of Jesus, we are compelled to admit that what is true to mortals was not true to him and vice versa.

Let us consider what is true to a mortal. He looks up and down and about him. He sees a universe revolving around a central sun; he sees this universe by means of this sun; he numbers his days by it; he is warmed and fed and clothed and housed by it; his atmosphere is regulated by it, nay, is created by it; when this sun is hidden by clouds of its own creating, he searches into its offspring, the earth, for substitutes which are themselves but different forms of its elements, and which he releases by applying yet other elements of this same sun.

Should not a mortal worship this benefactor? But he looks still further and finds that all his woes come from the same source; tempests, tornados, torrid heat, cruel cold, all caused by the action of this sun. Even the beneficent fire which is but the sun in other form, often curses with its malevolent fury. The captured electricity is not always docile and obedient.

We need not further enumerate the effects of this monster cause. We would be obliged to cover the whole material universe, for as we consider it, we find that the earth is but a phase of the sun; its cold is a condition of the sun's heat, and the blackest darkness is but an aspect of its light. In a word, it is a kingdom divided against itself which involves its own destruction. A mortal's very body is composed of the same elements, is an outcome of its activity. Even every thought of a mortal is comprised within the radius of the sun's influence. He can know only what the sun causes him to see, to hear, to taste, to smell, to feel; the very objects these senses cognize are provided by this same all-pro-

ducing cause. Then this mortal asks, "What is this mighty cause?" And the answer comes, "Matter, all is matter." This is the testimony of material sense.

S. & H. 252 Mrs. Eddy thus sums up the "false evidence of material sense": "The world is my kingdom. I am enthroned in the gorgeousness of matter. But a touch, an accident, the law of God, may at any moment annihilate my peace, for all my fancied joys are fatal. Like bursting lava, I expand but to my own despair, and shine with the resplendency of consuming fire."

Jesus turned emphatically away from this evidence and looked into Mind. There he saw the Sun of Righteousness which rose with healing in His rays. He

S. & H. 209 beheld a spiritual universe governed by Mind. "Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind." He found one Cause, Spirit, ever expressing itself in spiritual effect. He made his at-one-ment with this Cause; he called all men to repudiate matter and to own *One*, their Father which is in Heaven, in harmony eternally. He showed them that within them was this *spiritual* kingdom—not an animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom of matter; that this pure law reigned—not chance, nor ignorance nor fear. He taught them that this law was Love. He explained to them that the pure in heart see this spiritual kingdom or universe of Good, God, and that those who seek the knowledge of this perfect realm of Mind find it. He put himself consciously under the operation of this Law and in every instance produced the effects of Life, of Good, of Love.

This mighty Sun of Righteousness Mrs. Eddy speaks of in Christ and Christmas:

In tender mercy, Spirit sped
A loyal ray
To rouse the living, wake the dead,
And point the Way—

This "loyal ray" flashed upon the mistaken sense of Paul and the scales of superstition and dogmatism, ecclesiastical cruelty and intellectual pride fell before the pure effulgent light of Mind. Thereafter Paul sees God as "the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

The Sun of Righteousness is the Light which has no phase of turning—there is no night there. It is "Life that knows no death." It is the substance of all its own vast creation and no shadow can be found. It is Truth—nothing that maketh a lie can enter its infinite sphere. It is Intelligence itself and is ever conscious of its infinite self, therefore there can be no ignorance. It is Love which casteth out all fear and its torments. It is All-in-all.

John also was quickened by this "loyal ray" and in the illumination of spiritual intelligence saw the new heaven and the new earth. He saw Reality—all things in their true light. Mrs. Eddy caught this vision of Light and reiterates the imperative command, "Let there be light" and there *is* light. Spirit moves upon the face of the darkness of material sense and the formless chaos of mortal concepts yields to the cosmos of Idea. In the realization of this glorious consummation we declare, All is Mind; there is no matter. Gen. 1:3

Then is heard the testimony of Spirit:

I am Spirit. Man, whose senses are spiritual, is my likeness. He reflects the infinite understanding, for I am Infinity. The beauty of holiness, the perfection of S. & H. 252

being, imperishable glory,—all are Mine, for I am God. I give immortality to man, for I am Truth. I include and impart all bliss, for I am Love. I give life, without beginning and without end, for I am Life. I am supreme and give all, for I am Mind. I am the substance of all, because I AM THAT I AM.

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JESUS' EARTH MISSION

To put into words what is flooding thought seems impossible. Truly the theme is infinite. The Word, or
John 1:1 expression, is also infinite, for the "Word was God." To find adequate language for the Truth, thought must be wholly spiritual.

The Word is manifest God, Mind expressed. Any expression of Truth is a member of Christ, Truth. Every *material* object is the illusive expression of
S. & H. 468 suppositional thought for "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter." It, however, hints a reality, for there is no vacuum—"All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-
John 1:1 all." This is equivalent to saying—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The Word is a term for Christ which gives a sense of the activity of Mind; the ceaseless unfolding of beauty and goodness; the utterance of boundless wisdom; the resistless, unobstructed, perfect self-expression of intelligence. Image and likeness give a sense of the perfect rapport between Mind and Word. There is adequate, intelligent, vivid expression of Mind, or Principle.

S. & H. 242 Our great Leader says, "The vesture of Life is Truth." The language of Spirit, or vesture of true

thought, is what we manifest of Spirit—make apparent through demonstration. "Christ expresses God's spiritual, eternal nature. The name is synonymous with Messiah, and alludes to the spirituality which is taught, illustrated, and demonstrated in the life of which Christ Jesus was the embodiment." S. & H. 333

Christ Jesus was unceasingly manifesting divine Love. "His true flesh and blood were his Life; and they truly eat his flesh and drink his blood, who partake of that divine Life." Man is mental, is idea; thought constitutes his whole identity. The unobstructed flow of spiritual thought is the perfect circulation of life, the blood of Christ, which builds up, constructs the flesh of the son of man, or of that member of Christ which each demonstrates as his identity. Of this flesh Jesus spoke when he said, "Except ye eat [partake of, understand and so mentally feed on] the flesh of the Son of man, . . . ye have no life in you." S. & H. 25 John 6:53

We are mental beings. "Anatomy, when conceived of spiritually, is mental self-knowledge, and consists in the dissection of thoughts to discover their quality, quantity, and origin." S. & H. 462

Bearing this constantly in mind, we would be careful of criticising unjustly and unscientifically, for in so doing we are literally tearing one another limb from limb and are guilty of the most cruel vivisection. On the other hand, by intelligent criticism of ourselves, we can cut off the right hand that "offends" and pluck out the right eye that presents to us objects at a material angle.

Jesus, our great exemplar and example, knew that his substance flesh or that "body" of which it is said, "a body hast thou prepared me," was his spiritual thought. He realized that even his disciples did not understand him nor behold him in his true depict, for substance is Heb. 10:5

not appreciable to any one of the material senses. They mentally felt his presence as idea and responded to its power, although none could form the spiritual concept, because the mesmerism of mortal mind held up its own delusion, in universal and in individual consciousness. Jesus broke this mesmerism for himself, and beheld the true depict, where others saw only the false image in their own and in universal thought.

Jesus was a Christian Scientist. He knew the Science of Life. He knew God as divine Mind, as his Father, as Principle. He constantly related himself to the divine Source, by using intelligence, which is a fundamental quality of Mind. He refused to entertain or even admit mortal thoughts; he never indulged or permitted erroneous thinking for an instant. Science
S. & H. 402 taught him that "mortal mind constructs the mortal body with this mind's own mortal materials."

The human form which mortals beheld as Jesus was but the belief which entered into Mary's presentation of her ideal. This belief made Jesus appreciable to mortals for it was what Mary held in common with other humans in her sense of man.

Jesus never contributed to the seeming substantiality
My. 357 of the human concept. He began at once to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation"—to *think* from a divine basis, rejecting all energy and phenomena of mortal mind as erroneous, unreal. He conceived of the mental activities as immortal and consequently of their phenomena as incorruptible.

Jesus' work along this line was so absolute, so consistent, so unremittingly faithful that his progress away from material sense awes and astonishes us. There must have been many times when the impulsion of spiritual thought carried him far above the apprehen-

sion of his students. There must have been more than one Mount of Transfiguration, where the forms of belief faded out under the blazing effulgence of his spiritual understanding.

The more emphatic Jesus' spirituality became, the more peremptory its demands for self-expression. "His earthly mission was to translate substance into its original meaning, Mind." The clearer became his conscious understanding of substance, the less substantiality did matter have for him, until he must have found it difficult to form a material concept. Of this stage in her own development our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, says, "This time-world flutters in my thought as an unreal shadow, and I can only solace the sore ills of mankind by a lively battle with 'the world, the flesh and the devil,' in which Love is the liberator and gives man the victory over himself." Mis. 74 My. 268

Realizing his "earth mission" as Saviour, Teacher, Redeemer, Jesus was often obliged to sacrifice himself, delay his "triumphant exit from the flesh." Patiently and laboriously he endeavored to lift the consciousness of his students to a faint perception of truth. They had no least understanding of his work. They loved him and in a blind, human way believed him to be the promised Messiah. Jesus saw the situation clearly. He was making such rapid progress that he could not long present the phenomenon of finite sense. He could not long continue to externalize any shadow of belief. He had borne our infirmities—known the sense of a selfhood apart from God as long as it was possible, under his constant denial of its actuality. What could he do? His own individual salvation was imminent. He was already eating of the hidden manna; to do the will of the Father was his meat which was constructing S. & H. 117

a body intangible to material, personal sense. The human was fading out before the ever advancing divinity of idea. And yet his church, the consciousness of Spirit, the kingdom of God, the understanding of Principle was not established, was not understood by his students. Jesus patiently taught, exemplified, exhorted. The more he voiced Truth, the higher he rose in spiritual demonstration of his ideal selfhood. His students rose also, but their resurrection was not in the same degree. The gulf was daily, hourly widening. He knew that his hour had come and "rejoiced in spirit." But had his students enough of the true message to give it? Could they withstand the undertow of mortal thought? Would they again be engulfed by a tidal wave of erroneous mortal belief? Were they sufficiently baptized with the spiritual sense of man and the universe to be lifted by his further demonstration, which would carry him far beyond their apprehension? "As the reward for his faithfulness, he would disappear to material sense in that change which has since been called the ascension." They would no longer be able to hear his voice explaining his constantly increasing ability to use the triune Principle—Life, Truth, Love. Under the irresistible pressure of the ever multiplying power of divine reality, the human or unreal Jesus was giving way to the Christ Jesus, the glorified Son of God.

Luke 10:21

S. & H. 34

Alone in Gethsemane, Jesus wrestled. For the sake of humanity he "stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." Once again he would come into hand to hand conflict with "Mortal belief and knowledge obtained from the five corporeal senses; the pride of power and the power of pride; sensuality; envy; oppression; tyranny." He had prayed yearningly, "Let this

Luke 9:51

S. & H. 589

Matt. 26:39

cup pass from me." Must he contemplate the error of finite sense? Why not quickly turn from that false consciousness, and, with the sharp two-edged sword of the spoken word, dispel the seeming power of the dragon? Jerusalem had always killed the prophets; had always robbed them of the heavenly vision and made them lose the chord of Christ. Could he go to Jerusalem, face that subtle pharisaical perversion of truth, and hold his true consciousness? Could he refrain from speaking the word that would summon the angelic host of divine thought? Must he be "delivered into the hands of sinful men?" It is said of him, as "a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Luke 24:7 Isa. 53:7

Oh sublime love! ineffable reflection of divinity. No one understood, but "earth received the harmony his glorified example introduced." Gethsemane signalizes utter self-abnegation for the enlightenment of the world. Jesus gave himself up to be crucified that he might offer ocular demonstration of the nothingness of the claim of death. He exposed the bald imposition of the Adam claim to being *man*, and thereby lifted the whole world so that his students grasped somewhat of the import of his transcendent mission. S. & H. 54

The unparalleled self-abnegation of Jesus, as evidenced in his determination to meet the hatred of the carnal mind at Jerusalem, won for him a name above every name in heaven and earth. His reflection of divine Love made him pause on the way to teach his dull disciples instead of pressing joyously on to the "NEW JERUSALEM. Divine Science; the spiritual facts and harmony of the universe; the kingdom of heaven, or reign of harmony." S. & H. 592

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THE OPEN DOOR

The textbook of Christian Science, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, teaches that Christ is the Son of God, because he is the full manifestation of Mind. Mary discerned the ideal man and knew that Mind, Spirit, was the only Father.

S. & H. 30 But, "Born of a woman, Jesus' advent in the flesh partook partly of Mary's earthly condition, although he was endowed with the Christ, the divine Spirit, without measure." The Christ warred with this "earthly condition." The first recorded intimation we have of this warfare is as follows:

Luke 2 42-50 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

What was this boy, just come to maturity, discussing with the teachers of the nation? Why did they not understand "the saying which he spake unto them"?

Jesus was already speaking from the Christ; *idea* was voicing Principle. He was reckoning himself spiritual, as idea, fathered and mothered by Spirit, divine Mind. *Christ* Jesus was turning squarely on the human Jesus or the concept, formed in the flesh.

Eighteen years of patient, steady overcoming, in the quiet of his mother's home, follow; then suddenly he is found among the multitude, on the banks of the Jordan. He has come to be baptized of John.

In coming thus to John, Jesus turned away from all that the established Jewish hierarchy could have opened to him. John, like his great predecessor Elijah, was outside the pale of organization. He taught simply the "baptism of repentance," instead of the ornate symbolism of a highly elaborated sacrificial ceremonial. Luke 3:3

By accepting baptism, at the hands of this protestor against materialism, Jesus denounced that world power which has ever stolen the vestments of truth. He strips off the accretions of ritualism, dogma, and creed. He tears away the gaudy superstructure of superstition and pride and, in the sublimity of true meekness, accepts the baptism of repentance—a complete renunciation of every material evidence of authority.

This supreme act of meekness and effacement of a selfhood apart from God opens the very heavens of spiritual reflection, and John bears record "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him." This phenomenon of spiritual power evidenced the harmony ever existent between Principle and idea. John 1:32

The divine impulsion drove Jesus into a consciousness of the utter evil of any belief of life, truth, intelligence, or substance in matter. "He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the Mark 1:13

wild beasts." These "wild beasts" were the accentuated human errors, passions, and appetites. They may have been externalized but were in any case mortal mental beliefs.

From this searching experience, this mental chemicalization, Jesus came forth ready for his great work. He had met and conquered physical appetites of every nature; he had resisted the most subtle suggestions of priestcraft; he had thrown aside as of no value all that personal ambition could have desired.

John 1:29 Well might John declare of him, "Behold the Lamb of God." According to the law instituted by Moses, the lamb to be offered must be without *spot*. Jesus had destroyed the *spot*—the germinal seed, the belief of human physicality as real. He had conquered the senses, and was free to work the works of Christ. From this time forth, no material so-called law was an obstacle to him. Every belief in matter faded out before the radiance of idea. *Christ* Jesus overcame the ***human*** Jesus, that which had been conceived in the womb and born in a manger, and which material sense alone cognized.

It was because of this victory over carnal mind and its embodiment, that Jesus could say "I am the door." John 10:9 Jesus held his sonship with Spirit, and spurned the flesh. His identity was not the illusion formed by corporeal sense for he knew that "Man is the reflection of Soul." S. & H. 249 Thus he weakened continually the false claim of the dust man and strengthened the true presentation of idea. At last flesh or material sense gave way under the constant operation of his God mind; the light of idea dispelled the darkness of Mary's subdivided earthly condition. Spiritual individuality triumphed over material personality; corporeality disappeared and the *door* was *open!*

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THE DAILY SACRIFICE

"Thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering." Ex. 29:36

Every animal is the symbol, or embodiment, the expression or manifestation, of some quality of Mind. "God is the Life, or intelligence, which forms and preserves the individuality and identity of animals as well as of men." S. & H. 550 The real animal of God's creating is then wholly spiritual, manifests qualities of Truth, Life, Love and is "harmless, useful, indestructible." Consequently the animal which was butchered by the Levitical priesthood could not have been the creature of God's creating. S. & H. 514

Moses instituted the Levitical ritual according to the pattern shown to him "in the mount." It seems a strange and revolting system until we seek and find its true significance in the metaphysical interpretation of the Mosaic law. The light that Christian Science brings to the understanding of the Scriptures is here strikingly illustrated. By substituting the metaphysical sense, as found in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, for the physical sense, which alone is found in the so-called orthodox interpretations of the Scriptures, the meaning of the passage quoted above becomes clear.

DAY. The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love. S. & H. 584

"And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind measures time according to the good that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night there."

Every day—at each increase of spiritual understanding—we must sacrifice, destroy, kill some quality of mortal mind. The old Hebrews slew on the altar, and according to ritual, the symbol, the bodied forth or externalized form called a bullock, a ram, a lamb or a pigeon. Their temple worship thus became a slaughtering of material beliefs or objects, instead of the destruction of beastly, carnal qualities, such as envy, hate, fear, hypocrisy, lust and sensuality.

Jesus was a priest after a new order, that of the mental not physical. During his forty days in the wilderness he "was with the wild beasts." He there offered "every day a bullock for a sin offering"—some mortal quality of universal so-called carnal mind he met and mastered as it came up to wrestle with the Christ. The bullock is a symbol of strength; it was used as a beast of burden, as now we use the horse. We are called upon by God, by divine intelligence, to find our strength in Truth, to put our whole confidence in its unfailing power. The lamb was often offered in atonement. We must slay the belief of *material* innocence, and present the innocence of that consciousness which "thinketh no evil," which is of "purer eyes than to behold iniquity," which is blessed because it sees God. The dove, as an emblem of a sensuous belief of peace, or ease in sin, must cease, because of lack of such a quality to produce it, while the gentle, yet mighty, pure white dove symbolizing and embodying the peace of conquered sin must come to us, bearing the olive branch of promises fulfilled.

Mark 1:13

We must lay upon the altar the qualities of the fleshly mind which are symbolized in the animals prescribed by the Livitical worship. "Our God is a consuming fire" and will destroy these carnal qualities.

Then will their symbols disappear giving place to the indestructible substance forms expressing the qualities of divine Mind. Our textbook says, "In the figurative transmission from the divine thought to the human, diligence, promptness, and perseverance are likened to 'the cattle upon a thousand hills.'" The fowls of the air will be, indeed, our own soaring aspirations—we shall see God's reflection everywhere and *know* that Jesus spoke the truth "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

S. & H. 514

Matt. 5:8

There is nothing else to see for "Mind is God" and there is no other creative Principle.

> There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual.

S. & H. 468

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BASKET TWO

Singleness of Heart
The Marriage in Cana
The Pitcher of Water
Washing the Disciples' Feet
Dives and Lazarus
The Good Samaritan
The Hours in the Vineyard

IN SINGLENESS OF YOUR HEART, AS UNTO CHRIST

Matt. 6:22 "IF therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

These words give much food for thought and inspire one to seek more perseveringly for the Mind of Christ, in order that the body, or manifestation of that Mind, the image and likeness of God, may appear. Singleness of purpose will melt away the false presentation which in every one of its counterfeit members speaks duality or plurality instead of the unity of the Adorable One. Mind fashions its own body or image. What this image is, it is useless to conjecture; but spiritualization of thought will form it to our view.

On page 165 of *Science and Health*, we read, "Physiology is one of the apples from the 'tree of knowledge.'" And in Genesis 3:5, it is recorded that the serpent argued, "God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

There is but good to know, for God is All; "real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God." A knowledge of good *and* evil is impossible to man. Man's consciousness being God, he can know only God —good. This is the oneness or unity of good and is summed up in these words of Jesus, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: . . . that they may be one, even as we are one . . .that they may be made perfect in one." Understanding this one consciousness, Jesus accomplished his at-one-ment. Through the same understanding, Mary Baker Eddy says, "Atonement is the exemplification of man's unity with God, whereby man reflects divine Truth, Life, and Love."

S. & H. 276

John 17:21-23

S. & H. 18

In the unity of the Spirit, we know only the Adorable One, the divine Individuality—Principle and its idea. This oneness must obtain throughout divine Reality. One God, one Mind, one Soul, one Father-Mother, one Christ, one only begotten Son, one man (in the generic sense) compound, or reflecting the infinitude of Mind. Infinite in power, intelligence, and love, the Adorable One is ever unfolding, in perfect harmony, the unity of its inexhaustible selfhood.

The supposition of two antagonistic powers evolves a delusion of conflicting duality and plurality, throughout the whole suppositional creation. Admitting gods many, there seem to be lords many, expressing a constantly augmenting tyranny and confusion. Instead of one Head, Christ, there are warring factions, each led by an exponent of personal ambition. Instead of one compound man in the image and likeness of God, there is the great schism of sex which claims to be one flesh, but which is continually resulting in divorce, thus betraying inherent duality.

Divine intelligence evolves the single eye of spiritual perception by which the whole body is full of light. Whereas the knowledge of good and evil brings out the two eyes of which it is recorded in *Science and Health*,

S. & H. 255 "Mortal man has made a covenant with his eyes to belittle Deity with human conceptions." The hearing ear of spiritual understanding is *one*; but the self-contradictory testimony of material belief produces the phenomenon of two ears. Through a dual sense of good and evil, Adam took in the so-called breath of life. But Life is the eternal God, without beginning or end, not an ephemeral breath. Spirit alone inspires, and inspires only its own self, or spiritual image.

The *one* tongue alone will speak when we shall have put off lying, and every man speaks truth with his neighbor. The lips must be circumcised. Isaiah felt

Isa. 6:5 this when he cried, "I am a man of unclean lips." The tongue and lips must be cleansed by the live coal from the altar of incense, the ardor of spiritual desire.

Jer. 15:19 God says, "If thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth." The mouth utters the word—creative Mind declares its thought and expresses idea as pronounced mental identity. This is spiritual creation. As this power of spiritual understanding unfolds to the point of adequate expression in word, the sensuous counterfeit tongue of the serpent's reverse creative organ ceases to function, is atrophied and disappears. In the degree that Truth speaks, utters its word, the lying tongue of the adder with its lies will be without form and will sink into oblivion, "unknelled, uncoffined, and unknown."

Guarding the tongue with the utmost diligence from all sensuousness, we shall overcome the duality of the serpent lie. Like Moses, we must obey the voice of

wisdom and handle the serpent, corporeal sense. By reversing the serpent's evidence of two tongues, one at head and one at tail, Spirit will circumcise us and we shall glorify God with *one* tongue and praise Him with joyful lips. This is the miracle of Pentecost. We shall speak with other tongues as the Spirit giveth utterance. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "The reflection, through mental manifestation, of the multitudinous forms of Mind which people the realm of the real is controlled by Mind, the Principle governing the reflection." The fourth chapter of Exodus should be studied in this connection.

John 1:1

S. & H. 303

> And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? . . . Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

Ex. 4:10-12

Read also in this connection page 321 of *Science and Health*:

> The Hebrew Lawgiver, slow of speech, despaired of making the people understand what should be revealed to him. When, led by wisdom to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses' fear departed. In this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom's bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean. The illusion of Moses lost its power to alarm him, when he discovered that what he apparently saw was really but a phase of mortal belief.

In these last days, the Christ, or compound representative of the fatherhood and motherhood of divine Principle, has spoken. Under the operation of Christ, the spoken Word of God, Jesus yielded up the masculine prerogative, or assumption of material generative power which moves the lying, talking serpent or tongue of sensuality. Having rejected the "vile"—the sensuous instinct, Jesus could say of his word, it "shall not pass away." He voiced Principle and, as the mouth of the Father, repeated the divine fiat of creative Mind,—"Let there be light," let intelligence reveal ideas and their identities which exist forever in the divine Mind.

Matt. 24:35

Gen. 1:3

To complete the utterance of the Word which was in the beginning with God and was God, Truth again urged its resisted claim and Mary Baker Eddy yielded up the feminine claim or assumption of material conceiving power which responds to the lying, talking serpent or tongue of sensuality.

Ps. 62:11

"God hath spoken once; *twice* have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." Consciousness has responded to the command "Let there be light." It is recorded "And there was light." The compound Christ of God has spoken. Spiritual generation is established. Augusta E. Stetson has taken the precious from the vile and of her it is said, "thou shalt be as my mouth;"—thou shalt *repeat* the eternal verities of being; thou art the first born of my eternal Christ.

Gen. 1:28

True creation or revelation has begun. The command, "Multiply, and replenish the earth" is being obeyed. Spiritual generation is proceeding in its orderly course. There shall be one spiritual language, even the infinite manifestation of infinite Mind.

Mis. 280

"Mind spake and form appeared."

"Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source." S. & H. 507

THE MARRIAGE IN CANA OF GALILEE

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. *John 2:1-11*

"The third day" always ushers in the demonstration of spiritual power. It was on "the third day" that the Word went forth: "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth." Gen. 1:11

Jesus had to come to "the third day" of spiritual

development before he could manifest the Christ power of creative Mind and bring forth the fruits of Spirit and the wine of inspiration for his work.

"The mother of Jesus was there." This would seem to indicate a human tie, either of kinship or close friendship between Mary and the family of Cana.

"And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage." Here, Jesus is more clearly associated with his disciples than with Mary; from this we may infer that Jesus was invited or "called" in his recognized capacity as Teacher, and his students were "called" to accompany him.

The servants seem to have come to Mary for instructions as to what to do about the supply of wine, showing that she held a place of authority in the house. Mary immediately referred the matter to Jesus, feeling perhaps that he would suggest some way to meet the domestic situation.

This appeal to Jesus to supply a lack marks with him the hour of the "beginning of miracles."

As a metaphysician, Jesus knew that the absence of phenomenon meant a lack of reflection of creative Mind. Mary said to him, "They have no wine." He replied, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

At that very moment, however, his hour, the necessary degree of understanding, came to him. He had already been baptized by Spirit, and knew that he was the beloved son of the Father; he had but shortly come through the temptations in the wilderness, spotless, so that the greatest prophet born of woman declared on seeing him, "Behold the Lamb of God." But it was only when the Christ rose higher on the horizon of his thought and Jesus knew that his material birth by

John 1:36

Mary had nothing to do with his real identity, only then did the mental umbilical cord snap, and he *knew* himself to be, not only the son of God, but *the* representative of Principle as Father. He became conscious of his unity with Principle, and could say, "I and my Father are one." John 10:30

"There were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews." These six waterpots represent the six days of creation. To the Jews, who accepted the second chapter of Genesis as a true statement of man's creation, and built their whole system of theology on an impossible combination of the first and second chapters of Genesis, or a union of Spirit and matter, to the Jews, the six days related to the orderly appearing of a material universe and an Adamic race. To Jesus, who knew that God is Spirit and that his image is spiritual, the six days indicated six periods of spiritual ascension of thought, in which divine Mind unfolds itself in an ascending scale of power, majesty and beauty, thus presenting a spiritual universe of infinite ideas crowned by the Christ man who images eternal Life and immortal Love.

This great influx into Jesus' thought of spiritual illumination united him consciously with the source of being, his Father—eternal Life. He radiated the creative Mind to such a degree that those about him caught the reflection and were lifted and drank with him the wine of inspiration.

Jesus knew that the ceremonial of purification belonged to a false theology, that it was a vain attempt to spiritualize matter. At that moment of illumination, he cast the whole system aside with these words—"Woman, human motherhood, material generation, Adam-Eve, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is

not yet come." That utterance was for him the last stroke of the last hour of the "*second* day"! The *firmament* was established; his understanding grasped the import of his mission—he, as the first begotten of the Father, was the Christ of God, the Head from which all the members of the body had nourishment ministered. He knew he was the Word and was with God from the beginning and was God.

The third day there was indeed a marriage in Cana of Galilee—there was a conscious uniting of idea with its Principle. Christ Jesus was the true bridegroom who was renewed in the spirit of his mind, as Paul expresses it. The spiritual teaching of this incident in the life of Jesus has been lost, by accepting the uniting of two mortals in one flesh as the marriage that really took place. That material transaction was only the counterfeit which carnal mind enacted. On page 65 of our textbook Mrs. Eddy says:

Eph. 4:23

> Experience should be the school of virtue, and human happiness should proceed from man's highest nature. May Christ, Truth, be present at every bridal altar to turn the water into wine and to give to human life an inspiration by which man's spiritual and eternal existence may be discerned.

John 2:7-10

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then

that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

Phenomenon always accompanies noumenon; effect follows cause. Principle had operated through its idea, material phenomenon gave place to a higher concept of truth and the wine of spiritual inspiration displaced the water of ceremonial material ablutions.

Christ Jesus now entered publicly on his great work of redemption. In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy says:

> Christ Jesus' sense of matter was the opposite of that which mortals entertain: his nativity was a spiritual and immortal sense of the ideal world. His earthly mission was to translate substance into its original meaning, Mind. Mis. 74

The marriage in Cana of Galilee was the espousal which preceded and foreshadowed the complete marriage when, at the second coming of Christ to human thought, there would be more fully revealed the nature of God, as not only Father but Mother also. The compound Christ represents and operates the compound Principle. The call to this wedding feast is now sounding. Listen!

> "Sleepers, wake! a voice is calling; It is the watchman on the walls. Thou city of Jerusalem; For lo, the Bridegroom comes! Arise, and take your lamps. Hallelujah! Awake! His kingdom is at hand. Go forth to meet your Lord."[1]

The Gospel story contains a prophecy as well as teaches a moral. Every incident in the brief history of

[1] Anthem sung by The Oratorio Society of The New York City Christian Science Institute.

Jesus, the first coming of Christ, is repeated in fuller measure in the second coming. This fact is remarkably shown in the symbolism of the little Mother Church which Mrs. Eddy designated as "our prayer in stone," and which she built and dedicated in the year 1894. On page 67 of *The Mother Church*, by Joseph Armstrong, we find a description of one of the rose windows, of which there are two.

Mis. 141

> This circular window was divided into two rows of twelve openings each,—the outer panes separating the circle into segments; while each inner light had the shape of a keystone, or sustaining wedge of an arch, sometimes supposed to be the stone designated by the Psalmist as "the headstone of the corner." Twelve was a most significant number for the purpose; and, dividing the segments into four groups of three each, there was one cluster to represent each side of the celestial city. In the central pane of each triplet was placed the main symbol of the group, with explanatory figures in the two panes flanking it. The four main figures were the Bible, or Word of God; the Madonna and Child, representing Jesus; the Southern Cross, standing for Christianity; the Golden Shore of Love, symbolizing Christian Science. In the twelve lights of the outer circle were as many stars, also arranged in four clusters of three lights each, one larger star and two smaller ones for each division.
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> The rounded central light was the proper place for an open Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures; and this suggested the name, Window of the Open Book, signifying that the radiance from this new Revelation shows the meaning of all the Bible promises and prophecies, as symbolized by the figures surrounding the centre.
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> The architect's plan for this window further included six long lower lights which would come below the line of the gallery. The six water-pots, chosen for these places,

typify the six days of material creation, included in the belief that man has a material origin and existence; and they also call to memory the marriage in Cana, with its spiritual lessons, teaching that, as mortals empty themselves of error through the understanding of Truth, they are being prepared for union with divine Principle, as shown in Christian Science.

This rose-window has been symbolically read from top to bottom. Reversing this order, the eye rises from the waterpots, representing mortal consciousness, to rest upon the cross; then on, past Science and Health, to the topmost ring of lights, where the woman is standing upon the moon. So in our human experience: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels," as stated in II. Corinthians iv. 7; then we gradually rise, by way of the cross, till, through Christian Science, man, as the divine idea of God, is fully realized.

THE PITCHER OF WATER

Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

Luke 22:7–13.

The Day of unleavened bread is come. The Day Star has risen in our hearts. The sunshine of Truth

S. & H. 584 Prov. 4:18 has revealed the celestial peaks. "The irradiance of Life" is shining "more and more unto the perfect day." The Day of unleavened bread is come. No more partaking of malice, nor envy, nor jealousy; the fleshpots of Egypt offer no savory meats; the quail no longer tempts, in the desert; even the shining manna of a semi-spiritual consciousness no longer satisfies. On this Day, "Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images of thought. . . ." Thus the spiritual man is renewed, day by day, and

S. & H. 248

Po. 7

Fed by Thy love divine we live,
For Love alone is Life;

The bread of heaven alone can feed the famished affections, and satisfy our immortal cravings.

The Day of the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth is come. The atonement must be made, the at-one-ment of Principle and idea must be recognized. Man *is* the son of God. All sense of a material creation is false, and goes out before the forever fact that "man is not material; he is spiritual."

S. & H. 468

The spiritual idea of Love must seem to come under the law of sin and death, in order to prove this law to be of none effect, and the Lamb to be immortal, the creation of Life. Thus is death proved to be an illusion, and man is found in the image and likeness of God, upright, pure, and free.

Let us go even unto Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover, the feast that celebrates the destroying of the first born of error, thereby revealing the first born of Truth.

Luke 22:10 We hear the Master say, "Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing

a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in."

"There shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water"! Have we not found it so? Friend, whence hast thou this living water? we exclaim, as we drink of the cup of cold water which he pours us from his pitcher. It is from the Rock, Christ, he answers, which followed us all through the wilderness. It wells up eternally and is a "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." I go to it daily to drink of it myself. And at this fountain I cry, "Let him that is athirst come." Then I fill my pitcher that I may give to those who have not yet reached the Rock of their salvation, nor attained the understanding that their spiritual origin is all blessedness.

Rev. 22:1

Rev. 22:17

But come, dear friends, I have "a large upper room furnished," ready for the Master's use. It is the Day of unleavened bread and the lamb must be slain.

We enter this consciousness of love, this spiritualized thought, one of the "many mansions." We find it cleansed and purified, beyond human art, as no fuller's soap can whiten. Here are no idols, no false concepts, no erroneous mental pictures, no dust of Adam beliefs. This large upper room, above all strife, all self; above all the din of envy and jealousy; above the mists of bigotry and pride; above the pettiness of rivalry and resentment; above all sensuality, lust, hypocrisy, this spacious room is furnished with meekness and gentleness which ever accompany the might imparted by Spirit. It is redolent of peace and gracious comfort. The sweet, warm sunshine of Truth floods it with its golden light, streaming through windows flung wide open to the atmosphere of universal, divine love.

Here make ready, said the man with the pitcher of water. Our Master will celebrate here his passing over out of Egypt's bondage into the Land of Promise, his
S. & H. 209 eternal heritage of sonship with God—the "conscious, constant capacity to understand God." He is the lamb without spot or blemish which must be given into the hands of sinful men, that he may show that the dragon
S. & H. 568 is powerless before truth and love. "A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain."

Here will our Master make his last concessions to symbols, for he is swiftly rising to his full stature of manhood in Christ. Tonight, however, his *ascending* pathway lies through the dark valley of the shadow of the fear of death.

I feel that this room, although he himself, the blessed, compassionate Master, called it large and furnished, and lifted up above much that is sordid and mean, still this would be cramped and low and barren to his risen thought.

Ah, friends, he will need the "wide horizon's grander view," the far-stretching shores of the calm Galilean Sea,
Rev. 21:1 the unconfined, limitless consciousness of "a new heaven and a new earth." "Millions of unprejudiced minds—
S. & H. 570 simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert—are waiting and watching for rest and drink." So speaks the man bearing the pitcher of water.

This man, the compound idea, or Christ, pours for us the cup of cold water. He has stemmed the floods of recrimination and hate, sent out by the dragon, and has risen to Horeb heights of revelation and victory.

It is for us to follow our Master, our Leader, our teacher, through the desert of human beliefs, across the

Red Sea of doubts and fears into the demonstration of "Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of man are fully known and acknowledged." S. & H. 227

Written in 1914.

WASHING THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciple's feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

John 13: 3–15.

It is well for us to refresh our hearts and minds with the beautiful parable that Jesus here enacted for all his disciples throughout all time.

There is no more exquisite word painting in the Bible than in this chapter where we are told of Jesus' tender solicitude for his dearly loved students whom he was so soon to leave without sensible evidence of his presence.

Jesus had kept the twelve closely with him, that he might make them recipients, and dispensers, and guardians of his doctrine; that they might be in the atmosphere of his spiritual understanding and be quickened by the hourly example of his at-one-ment with the Father. These students loved and reverenced their Teacher, with sincere but as yet untried devotion. By his watchful care they had been kept unspotted from the Pharisaism and Sadduceeism of their fellow countrymen. He had purged their minds of materialism, and planted in their hearts the living seed of pure idealism, even the Word of God. He knew that he had washed them clean in the baptism of Spirit; but he also knew that there was a long, weary, dusty road for them as there had been for him, before they could attain the heights of spiritual dominion where he now stood, "knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God."

He girded himself and kneeling before each in turn he washed their feet.

John 13:6-11 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew

who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

Jesus knew by Peter's resistance to his ministrations that he was ignorant of their sacrificial significance. The later disciples of Christ have been ignorant with Peter, and only at Christ's second coming, have they learned the meaning of the "parable." Through the metaphysics taught by Mary Baker Eddy they can now read, in the type of oriental customs, the great spiritual lesson.

The daily ablutions rendered the body clean; but the wearing of sandals left the feet exposed to the dust of the highways. Jesus knew that his students were clean. He beheld them as members of his own body, his own consciousness, which was the temple of the Holy Spirit. He was about to be delivered into the hands of sinful men, to be crucified, in order that he might prove that even death-dealing envy, jealousy and hate are overcome, destroyed by the right understanding of Life and by divine Love. He knew that this experience would be a test to his students, and that they would walk through many byways of doubt, fear, disappointment, despair. Although he had been careful to see that they were "shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," still, lest they had come through some consciousness that rejected their message, and had not let their peace return unto them, lest they had not shaken the dust from their feet, but had retained resentment, self-righteousness, criticism, indifference, intolerance, hardness, disgust or any of the myriad qualities of worldly modes and moods, he tenderly washed their feet, as a symbol, which they could understand and remember, of the constant mental re-

Eph. 6:15

freshing and purifying of thought that was imperatively necessary on the toilsome, dusty journey that lay before them.

He exhorted them to watch with one another, lest when he was lifted far above their power to visualize or hear him, they might let the dust from the highways of mortal thought remain and cause them to be mentally foot-sore and so impede their progress Spiritward. They must ever be mindful that they were clean every whit because they were all members of the Christ of God.

Miscellaneous Writings, by Mary Baker Eddy, is full of instances of her tender watch-care of her students. She was constantly washing their feet and binding anew upon their refreshed understanding the further "preparation of the gospel of peace." Her loyal disciple, Augusta E. Stetson, is found faithful in following the example of her Leader. How often she kneels in silent communion at the fount of living water to wash her own and her students' feet in the flowing tide of love.

There are many of her student body who daily walk the thoroughfares of the business time world, and though they are clean through the word spoken unto them, still they are many times dusty, weary and foot-sore with journeying up and down the avenues of material thought.

After the summer vacation, the members of The Oratorio Society of The New York City Christian Science Institute will gather for their work for the uplifting and healing of individual and universal consciousness. Our ever watchful teacher will wash away with her love whatever dust of careless ease may have accumulated. She washes our feet. Let us wash one another's feet, by bringing with us the living waters of

spiritual love, and breathing and exhaling the atmosphere of purity and fresh inspiration! The words of Paul to the Ephesians is applicable:

Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:18-20

DIVES AND LAZARUS

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They

> have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.
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> *Luke 16: 19–31.*

I am in wonder and adoration before the marvelous wisdom manifested by Jesus. He was living in a remote corner of the earth; speaking in a decaying tongue; committing his teaching to the memory of those who heard him, and to the uncertainty, inaccuracies and ignorances of scribes through many generations.

His wisdom is seen in choosing the parable as the medium for conveying his metaphysics safely and permanently to future ages. He could trust his hearers to tell a tale, recount an anecdote. Only that one, however, who is endowed with the two-fold portion of the letter *and* the spirit can transmit or transcribe a metaphysical statement in abstract scientific terms. The change of a word may not alter the meaning or impair the beauty of a story, but would inevitably seriously affect the statement of a Principle. So we can understand why "without a parable spake he not unto them."

Mark 4:34

In the story of Dives and Lazarus there is a mine of metaphysical teaching.

Dives and Lazarus are types of consciousness.

The mortal qualities, material senses, carnal appetites, evolve their own phenomena, with which to gratify these qualities, senses, appetites.

Dives fed these senses sumptuously and clothed them in all the gorgeousness of illusion, and the sublety of sensuous refinement—purple and fine linen!

Lazarus, on the other hand, was a "beggar." He did not feed these appetites and so cause them to produce that upon which they could increase and strengthen. Lazarus, by not gratifying the sensuous thought had arrived at the "gate" which led out of them or back into them again. Still "desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from" the Dives consciousness, he resisted and prevailed over the desire. It is chronicled of him that he died; that is, the appetites died, ceased to demand anything; the senses material were silenced forever, and Lazarus "was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom." His own pure angel thoughts lifted him into that divine, beatified state of Mind which is Heaven.

Dives "also died, and was buried": the ability to longer meet the demands of material sensuous thought failed and Dives "was buried."

Jesus taught and demonstrated that there is no death. He did not believe that any one died; our Leader says: "When you can waken yourself or others out of the belief that all must die, you can then exercise Jesus' spiritual power to reproduce the presence of those who have thought they died,—but not otherwise." S. & H. 75

By this parable then, Jesus was teaching something quite different from the universal belief in death. In the case of Lazarus, it was the death of a false sense which freed him from error and gave him a realization of the "liberty of the children of God." With Dives it was the exhaustion of the suppositional power of evil, sin, and its consequent failure to create an object upon which it could feed. Rom. 8:21

Was not Jesus recounting his own experience in this history of Lazarus? After his baptism in Jordan, he was driven into the wilderness. There he fought with

Matt. 4:2 the beasts—the carnal appetites of the human. "He was afterward an hungered." He did not, however, like Dives, feed and strengthen the human, but, as a "beggar" he waited at the "gate," refusing, though still "desiring," to partake of the forbidden fruit. The Matt. 4:3 colloquy he held with himself was remarkable: "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." The human or fleshly mind argued that material means and methods were necessary; that, although matter had no life nor intelligence, but indeed was as a stone, lacking all nourishing qualities for the spiritual man, still, because the human was yet in evi- Matt. 4:4 dence it must be sustained by its own beliefs. "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," and Jesus turned resolutely away from the sophistry of the carnal mind; starved the human sense of life, truth, intelligence and substance in matter and laid hold of the spiritual substance Matt. 4:11 thoughts which fed the real man; "angels came and ministered unto him."

Like Lazarus, having reached the gate, Jesus went *through* it into the conscious dominion bestowed on him by divine Mind—spiritual thought-force.

A less wise and compassionate teacher might have ended his parable here, not so Jesus. He now takes up the history of Dives who, in hell, lifted up his eyes, spiritual perception. The Christ being "raised from the dead" or, in other words, the Christ, or real man, having somewhat penetrated the mists and opacity of mortal thought, Dives *sees* Lazarus, or man, in his glory, in his spiritual reality. Dives' prayer that Lazarus will impart to him even the least portion of his power,

"the tip of his finger" brings to him the conviction that a "great gulf" separates one in whom all *belief* has yielded to *understanding* from him in whom belief is rampant. But the Christ mind gains further ascendency over the mortal false consciousness. The light of understanding dawns, reflection, or love to man, follows and Dives prays for his five brethren, "lest they also come into this place of torment."

Then comes the assurance that they have Moses: there is a *law* of progress which governs all imperatively; that they have the prophets: there is the promise of salvation from all sin or belief in any power other than Spirit, good.

Here Jesus closes his parable, having brought Dives to the "gate" where, though still desiring to eat of the "crumbs," Dives is resisting and, like Lazarus, will rise, be "carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom," S. & H. into "faith in the divine Life and in the eternal Prin- 579 ciple of being . . . trust in good . . . the life-preserving power of spiritual understanding."

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind Po. 12
There sweeps a strain,
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind
The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng
Of thoughts, illumed
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,
With love perfumed.

Written in 1911.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which

stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Luke 10: 30–35

"A certain man" is representative of the whole human race. Turning his back on Jerusalem and going down to Jericho, the city of sensuous beauty and pleasure, he falls among thieves—the various theories, creeds, dogmas, and systems of human invention, the thoughts and imaginations of mortals. These thieves strip him of his raiment, of his power of self-expression, wound him, render him helpless, by thrashing him with arguments, piercing him with doubt, poisoning him with discouragement, and finally depart "leaving him half dead"—deprived of the power to resuscitate himself.

"And by chance," not by any design of either God or man, but merely in the haphazard of erroneous thought, "there came down a certain priest that way."

Again this "certain priest" represents all the various religions to which mortals, from time to time, have paid allegiance; all of them incorporating in their teachings the belief of life in matter.

But none of these pagan institutions attempted to restore the victim of their own depredations. Their *priest* "passed by on the other side."

> And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

Jesus was addressing a Jewish lawyer, a teacher of the people, an expounder of the law of Moses. The Hebrews held that God, the one and only true God, had chosen their race from among all the peoples of the earth, to make Himself known to them and that therefore they were the repositories of divine wisdom and grace. Jesus recognized the symbolism of the Levitical worship in that he says that the Levite "came and looked on" stricken man; in the same breath, however, he deals a heavy blow to mere symbols when he adds that the Levite also "passed by on the other side." The system was helpless to lift "a certain man" whom the thieves of mortal experiences had stripped and wounded and left half dead. All the sacrificial ceremonial of the temple worship was swept away by the simple statement, "passed by on the other side."

> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

The parables of Jesus contain historic retrospection and prophecy as well as teach a moral. In considering this parable in its historic and prophetic application, the word *certain*, in the locution "a certain Samaritan," should be taken in its determinative sense and here applies to Jesus himself and the Christianity which he introduced. He found mortal man sick, blind, deaf, dumb, lame, maimed. He poured into his wounds the

healing oil of consecration and prayer, the oil of the understanding that God is Spirit and is the tender, merciful Father. He put to man's lips his own cup filled with the wine of inspiration that flows from the overcoming of the flesh through suffering; he opened his ears to the word of life, his eyes to see wondrous things in God's law;

> And set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Even so Jesus, with his own strength, his own realization of Truth, carried man far up the steep ascent, leading out of the valley of sin and death. He brought him to a place of shelter where he could work out his own salvation to the point to which Truth had been revealed.

> And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

The certain Samaritan was journeying and could "tarry but a night," at the inn. Each morning, a fresh revelation demanded progress. The very love he had shown to his fellow man had brought to the Samaritan a higher realization, a fuller understanding, and he found himself quickened by the illumination of a new "Day."

S. & H. 584

DAY. The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love.

"And the evening and the morning were the first day." (Genesis i. 5.) The objects of time and sense disappear in the illumination of spiritual understanding, and Mind

measures time according to the good that is unfolded. This unfolding is God's day, and "there shall be no night there."

When he departed he left two pence, enough for two days, (we know from the vineyard laborers' hire that a penny was a living wage for a day). The third day the "certain man" must rise to his own demonstration, because this is the day indicated in Genesis 1:12-13 as the day that the fruit tree bears fruit after its kind.

Whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.

At the first coming or demonstration of the Christ, "Jesus, the masculine representative of the spiritual idea," deprived Herod of his crown, material begetting or fatherhood. At the second coming or demonstration of the Christ, Mary Baker Eddy, the feminine representative of the spiritual idea, deprived Herodias, or the female Herod, of her crown, material conception or motherhood. Man is now free from both Herod and Herodias; he is no longer held as a mortal but as the child of the one Father-Mother, eternal Life and Love. S. & H. 565

Christ Jesus, with the introduction of Christianity, resuscitated man, carried him to the inn and paid the price for his maintenance until man could accumulate individual spiritual power from the source of being—divine Mind, Spirit, Life and Love.

Man, however, must journey, as did the Samaritan. He cannot tarry at the inn; his home is New Jerusalem. But "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." A further work of salvation, a second coming is necessary. The Christ Science must reveal man as wholly spiritual. I Cor. 15:50

Christ Mary (Baker Eddy) with the introduction of Christian Science, has fulfilled the promise of "a certain Samaritan," "Whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

Christian Science involves all that is necessary,

Eph. 4:12-13 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

S. & H. 174. "Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practiced."

THE HOURS IN THE VINEYARD

For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.

And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And

when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.

But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many shall be called, but few chosen.

Matthew 20: 1–16.

The Jewish day, in our Lord's time, was divided as follows:

Third hour— 6–9 A.M.
Sixth hour— 9–12 M.
Ninth hour—12–3 P.M.
Twelfth hour— 3–6 P.M.

"*Early in the morning.*" The Sun of Righteousness was not yet risen on the horizon of human thought with healing in His rays; had not yet touched with divine light even the celestial peaks of spiritual discernment, nor caused the prophets of Israel to cry out for joy at the coming of the Day.

Early in the morning, while it was yet dark, Abraham heard the call:

Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee. Unto thy seed will I give this land. **Gen. 12:1, 7**

Abraham surveyed and began to prepare the ground for the planting of the vine which should run over the wall and fill the entire earth with its abundant fruit.

The metaphysical meaning of Abraham is:

S. & H. 579 Fidelity; faith in the divine Life and in the eternal Principle of being.

This patriarch illustrated the purpose of Love to create trust in good, and showed the life-preserving power of spiritual understanding.

This early hour may be called the Patriarchal Age. To it belong also Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Jacob gives to this twilight period a quality of barter, as may be seen in the following from Genesis 28:18, 20–22

> And Jacob rose up early in the morning, . . . And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, . . . then shall the Lord be my God . . . and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

This bartering quality is noted in the parable as characterizing the laborers of this early twilight hour:

> And when he [the householder] had *agreed* with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

"*The third hour*" found Moses "standing idle in the marketplace." The favors of Pharaoh and the worldly inducements of his court could not buy the services of Moses who

Heb. 11:24-26 refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming

the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.

The terms for the service of this Age of Moses and the Judges is shown in the words of the parable. "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way." To this "third hour," belong Joshua, Deborah, Gideon, Samuel and David.

"*The sixth hour*" marks the sending into the vineyard of the great laborers, Elias and all the prophets. With these there was no question of payment. We read of them:

> They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. — Heb. 11:37, 38

> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about *the ninth hour* *Jesus* cried with a loud voice. . . . And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. — Matt. 27:45, 46, 51

> The martyrdom of Jesus was the culminating sin of Pharisaism. It rent the veil of the temple. It revealed the false foundations and superstructures of superficial religion, tore from bigotry and superstition their coverings, and opened the sepulchre with divine Science,—immortality and Love. — S. & H. 597

> Christ said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." — John 15:5

> And about *the eleventh hour* he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye

here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

On page 107 of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, its author, Mary Baker Eddy, says:

> In the year 1866, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth, and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science. God had been graciously preparing me during many years for the reception of this final revelation of the absolute divine Principle of scientific mental healing.

This "final revelation" marks the eleventh hour when Spirit mightily moved upon the waters, Love brought forth her conception and crowned the spiritual mental powers as the Messiah. The compound nature of God and His Christ, of Mind and idea, is now known, through the demonstration of Jesus and of Mary Baker Eddy. Human sense alone divides its own concept of this demonstration into two parts, and would ascribe it to two different demonstrators. Spiritual understanding discerns the unity of the one Christ idea and the one demonstration of Principle, through the one Christ, the Word or expressed idea of infinite Mind. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." This is the vine. The branches abide in the vine and bear fruit.

John 1:1-3

The coming forth of the first branch of the vine announces *the twelfth hour* which closes the *natural* day with the sunset hour, and opens the *Scriptural* day, where the "evening and the morning were the first day." This twelfth hour, or hour of the branch, *began* to

Gen. 1:5

sound when Augusta E. Stetson, in response to her Leader's call, entered the vineyard. Let us hear her own account of this from her book, *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, page one:

During the spring of 1884, I heard of several cases of Christian Science healing in Boston and was invited to attend a lecture which was to be given by Mrs. Eddy, in a handsome home on Monument Hill, Charlestown, Massachusetts. I went to the lecture weighted with care and nearly prostrated from the effects of watching for one year in the room of an invalid husband. During this lecture I lost all sense of grief, physical weakness, and prostration. It was long, however, before I understandingly realized that this was due to Mrs. Eddy's spiritual influence.

When Mrs. Eddy's lecture was concluded she arose and passed through the hall to go upstairs. Almost unconsciously I followed her to the foot of the stairway and as she reached about the fourth step she turned quickly and looked down into my eyes with a searching, penetrating gaze. She asked, "Will you come to see me?" and gave me her card. I replied, "I do not know when I can come, Mrs. Eddy; I am so occupied." As I thought it was a matter of small consequence whether I saw her or not, I added, "Thank you, Mrs. Eddy, but I cannot tell whether or not I can come." Then she said, "I want you to come and see me. You are going to do a great work in Christian Science." After she had asked my name and address, which I gave her, I went away.

Three or four months after this meeting with Mrs. Eddy I received a note from her asking me to come to see her. I did so, and during the conversation asked her if she would come to my parents' home and give a lecture. I was beginning to feel an interest in what she taught.

That was the first stroke of the *twelfth hour*.

The second stroke sounded during the period of class instruction from Mrs. Eddy. The third stroke sounded still louder, when Mrs. Eddy put her student in her own pulpit, in Boston, to preach for her, and it was still sounding when, by reason of Mrs. Eddy's non-appearance, Mrs. Stetson was obliged to take the lecture platform, at Reading, in the year 1884. The fourth stroke finds Mrs. Stetson in New York, under orders from Mrs. Eddy to found the church in New York and charter her Institute. The fifth stroke sounded when, in 1903, Mrs. Stetson dedicated her church building, at Ninety-sixth Street and Central Park West, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City. The sixth stroke sounded throughout consciousness and is still reverberating in the secret chambers of thought. This was the moment when Augusta E. Stetson, the Joseph of this hour, was *separated* from the brethren, but united more closely to her Leader and Teacher.

The seventh stroke mingled its ringing tones with the heavy sixth stroke when this tried and tested student
My. 357 began to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation." Eight is the number of renewal; as this resurrection stroke sounded, the book, Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, by Augusta E. Stetson, was published. This book is refreshing and reviving in the hearts of the people the spiritual interpretation and teaching of Christian Science, as taught by Mrs. Eddy herself, in the textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.

At the ninth stroke, The Oratorio Society of The New York City Christian Science Institute, of which Augusta E. Stetson is Principal, came into being, and

A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain. S. & H. 568

The tenth stroke sounded through the press. The people in the highways and byways, since December, 1920, have fed on the truth, without money and without price. The eleventh and twelfth strokes will follow in due order; and at even, the close of the working day, divine Love will gather the laborers together and to each give the appointed reward—the "penny" representing a living wage—the understanding that "Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images of thought." S. & H. 248

The twelfth stroke of the twelfth hour will usher in the new Day which will reveal the Church Triumphant, the complete structure of Truth and Love, built on a "wholly spiritual foundation," even the realization that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" My. 357

BASKET THREE

Abide in Truth
Organization and Time
Squaring the Circle
Woman's Spiritual Supremacy
The Pilgrim
Our National Anthem
Our America
The Whole Armour of God
The Jewel

ABIDE IN TRUTH

IN 1866, Mrs. Eddy experienced instant healing, by divine Power. She then retired from the world for the purpose of discovering, if possible, the Principle and rule of this healing. The fruit of her research and communion with God was the textbook of Christian Science—Science and Health.

In 1879, Mrs. Eddy organized a Church, which was called the Church of Christ, Scientist. This Church, at Mrs. Eddy's recommendation, was dissolved. We read in *Retrospection and Introspection*:

Ret. 44

> This measure was immediately followed by a great revival of mutual love, prosperity, and spiritual power. . . . Adding to its ranks and influence, this spiritually organized Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, still goes on. . . . material organization . . . is requisite only in the earliest periods in Christian history.

In his book entitled "The Mother Church," Mr. Armstrong says:

Our Teacher had long been hoping for a church-edifice in Boston.

When money for this purpose began to flow in, the Trustees of the fund

> . . . were unwilling to build, unless the Church, which had been disorganized at Mrs. Eddy's request, was reorganized, under the laws of Massachusetts; as, without such incorporation, they claimed the title would be worthless.
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> Mrs. Eddy then took the lot again into her own possession, and deeded it, in September, 1892, to four of her students, thereby constituting them the Christian Science Board of Directors. This Board was to hold the land in trust for the whole body of Christian Scientists, a law having been discovered which permitted property to be held in this way.

And from the *Church Manual:*

> On the twenty-third day of September, 1892, at the request of Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, twelve of her students and Church members met and reorganized, under her jurisdiction, the Christian Science Church and named it, THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST. **Man. 18**

Mrs. Eddy says:

> The First Church of Christ, Scientist, our prayer in stone, will be the prophecy fulfilled, the monument upreared, of Christian Science. It will speak to you of the Mother. . . **Mis. 141**

Definition of Mother as given in the textbook:

> God; divine and eternal Principle; Life, Truth, and Love. **S. & H. 592**

In the corner-stone was placed a message from our Leader. I quote in part:

Mis. 144

> To-day, I pray that divine Love, the life-giving Principle of Christianity, shall speedily wake the long night of materialism, and the universal dawn shall break upon the spire of this temple.

In her Dedicatory Sermon to The Mother Church, Mrs. Eddy says:

Pul. 1, 2

> To-day, being with you in spirit, what need that I should be present *in propria persona?* . . . our true temple is no human fabrication, but the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life.

In a letter to Mrs. Eddy, dated March 20, 1895, the Board of Directors presented the Church to her, "as a testimonial of love and gratitude" and invited her to become its permanent pastor. Mrs. Eddy replied:

Pul. 87

> . . . permit me, respectfully, to decline their acceptance . . . If it will comfort you in the least, make me your *Pastor Emeritus*, nominally. . . . You ask too much when asking me to accept your grand church edifice. I have more of earth now, than I desire, and less of heaven; so pardon my refusal of that as a material offering.

In order to emphasize the fact that the spiritual Church is one and indivisible, the image of the One Mind, the "prayer in stone" for the realization of this fact is called "The First Church of Christ, Scientist." Alpha, shall it not also be Omega?

As the consciousness of the true Church grows and extends its influence, mortals desire a symbol in their own locality; this has given rise to what are known as "branch churches." A *legitimate* branch must be one

which is the phenomenon, the expression of the same qualities, which actuated Mrs. Eddy to first organize. Legitimacy is "natural, logical result; regularity"; "conformity to law." Law is "that which . . . is fixed." (*Century Dictionary.*) Froude says: "Our human *laws* are but the copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal *laws* so far as we can read them."

As Christian Scientists, we have learned that "our true temple is no human fabrication, but the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life." This has caused many and different displacements in the mortal arrangement of material thoughts and things. The progress entailed an era of chaos and confusion. Our wise and God-inspired Leader saw the need of the guiding hand and the "suffer it to be so now." In speaking of The Mother Church Manual, she says: "That which I said in my heart would never be needed,—namely, laws of limitation for a Christian Scientist." Pul. 2 My. 229

By-Law succeeded By-Law regulating the organization of branch churches; the spiritual fact, however, remains unassailable that that Church only is legitimate or in order, in law, which is truth founded on love and demonstrates life.

The Church known as First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, holds in its corner-stone this message:

Pleasant View, Concord, N. H. Rem. 529

To Mrs. A. E. Stetson:

Beneath this corner-stone, in this silent, sacred sanctuary of earth's sweet songs, paeans of praise and records of Omnipotence, I leave my name with thine in unity and love.

(Signed) MARY BAKER G. EDDY.

November 30, 1899.

On the completion of the edifice, the Trustees of this Church presented it to Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Eddy replied:

Rem. 529

"I deeply appreciate it, profoundly thank you for it, and gratefully accept the spirit of it; but I must decline to receive that for which you have sacrificed so much, and labored so long."

S. & H. 506 Gen. 1:28

As this spirit gathered "unformed thoughts into their proper channels," again came the pressure to "multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it"—reveal more of man's God-given dominion. But the multiplication must be legitimate, and so word came from our Master Builder:

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> When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation. . . .

This Church replied:

> In grateful acknowledgment of the redemption of the first-born, mindful of the ever-present protection of divine Love, we will enlarge our spiritual phylacteries, binding them as frontlets between our eyes, that we may "demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent." Having completed our demonstration of the church militant, we will strive more earnestly to attain the higher understanding which will reveal the Church Triumphant, where "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

In a letter addressed to First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, dated November 13, 1909, Mrs. Eddy says:

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> Abide in Truth, in fellowship with and in obedience to The Mother Church, and in this way God will bless and prosper you. This I know, for He has proved it to me for forty years in succession.

From our foregoing study, it would appear that Mrs. Eddy, in this letter, did not refer to the human, material organization, for that was inaugurated only thirty years ago and did not have an unbroken existence.

Then "The Mother Church" as Mrs. Eddy conceives it, must be something that existed to her knowledge prior to the present physical organization. Is it a consciousness of the highest qualities of God, a consciousness which she touched and to which she responded and so was instantly healed? This response to the highest attribute, the ultimate nature, the Motherhood of God, caused her to become the scribe of Spirit and the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. In *Science and Health* she says: "In divine Science, we have not as much authority for considering God masculine, as we have for considering Him feminine, for Love imparts the clearest idea of Deity." S. & H. 517

Ten long years of patient teaching and healing intervened before our great Leader could awaken enough response in human consciousness to bring out a *symbol* or the "prayer in stone" which should speak to the people of the Mother-God.

The consciousness in which our Leader counsels us to abide, as she is doing and has done so faithfully for "forty years in succession," must be the wholly spiritual Church, even Truth.

In this way only, shall we experience and reveal the "structure of Truth and Love," and be willing to be absent from the body (material organization) so as to be present with the Lord. We shall be then conscious of our immortality and worship spiritually because we shall have ceased to worship materially.

Written in 1909.

ORGANIZATION AND TIME

S. & H. 595

TIME. Mortal measurements; limits, in which are summed up all human acts, thoughts, beliefs, opinions, knowledge; matter; error; that which begins before, and continues after, what is termed death, until the mortal disappears and spiritual perfection appears.

Life is not organic nor structural. Life manifests its qualities by reflection, not by entering an opposite medium called matter, and thereby creating a material organism. Spirit is not dependent on matter for manifestation: "Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God . . . in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness."

S. & H. 503

Mortal so-called mind is dependent on matter for manifestation; it measures itself by time and space; its so-called life is materially structural and organic. The false claim called mortal mind can declare itself only in material organs, organism, organization. If these means of expression were absolutely and finally destroyed, evil, or mortal mind, would be forever formless, void, inarticulate, silent, unknown. Mrs. Eddy says, "In the ratio that the testimony of material personal sense ceases, sin diminishes, until the false claim called sin is finally lost for lack of witness."

Ret. 67

Mrs. Eddy struck the dragon a death blow and put her heel on its *head* when she proclaimed the scientific statement of being: "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter." Material organization, the phenomenon of that head's evil imaginings remains as a belief to be destroyed.

S. & H. 468

It has been hidden from mortals that in order to cast out the serpent's body, material organization must be abolished. To accomplish this end organization must

be encountered in *all* its latent, hidden and secret workings. Material organization has been and is the god of the material world. It has wound itself into the very highest imaginings of mortals, for mortals dream in terms of organism.

The religion of Jesus was essentially *separate* from materiality. It was not comprehended by the materially minded. They formed their own sensuous concept, *clothed* it with organization, and developed the most highly organized institution that the world has ever seen. This catholic or universal counterfeit of the structure of Truth and Love was ignorantly called the church of God.

In the Manual of The Mother Church, we read:

> THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, IN BOSTON, MASS., is designed to be built on the Rock, Christ; even the understanding and demonstration of divine Truth, Life, and Love, healing and saving the world from sin and death; thus to reflect in some degree the Church Universal and Triumphant. **Man. 19**

As our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, struck deep down into consciousness to reach the foundation of Christ Jesus whereon to build The Mother Church of congregated ideas, she threw to the surface all the deceptions of mortal belief, all the subtleties of mortal will and intellect.

Instigated by the worst qualities of carnal mentality, mortals gathered this débris of error and out of it formed a concept in human consciousness. With mortal mind's own secret methods they imposed their mortal concept of Church upon the world and hid from many the true Mother Church which, under the wise protection of our Leader, was steadily rising into full demon-

stration of the wholly spiritual foundation, namely
My. 357 "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

Side by side with the mistaken sense of material organization, the Leader was building The Mother Church of Spirit, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, the Alpha and Omega of all building. As this antitype appears, all symbols, reversals and misconceptions disappear. The Christ, in the plenitude of his power, in the full demonstration of the divine fatherhood and motherhood, is rending the veil of the temple and is throwing upon material organization the light of spiritual understanding. Then will the grotesque shadow of the misconception of her ideal Mother Church be dispelled like mist before the noonday sun. There will be no refuge of lies, there will be no escape for any element of despotic mortal mind.

My. 357 S. & H. 583 Mis. 105

Mrs. Eddy began to build on a "wholly spiritual foundation," and commanded that this "structure of Truth and Love" should be known as *her* Church.

The original *design* is *her* ideal, and "the individual and his ideal can never be severed." Our holy Leader has "*risen*" and her "ideal" is, with her, a wholly spiritual conception.

The individual's ideal is governed only by the Principle of the ideal, through the individual himself. This fundamental law is clearly set forth in the Manual of The Mother Church. No least movement of the Church can be made without the knowledge and consent of the Leader. Every act is dependent on her volition.

We must ever remember, however, that the Church is an ideal built on Christ, Truth, and is inseverable from the spiritual idea of Principle. The names of this ideal indicate its spiritual nature, "The Mother

Church," "The First Church of Christ, Scientist," "Mary Baker Eddy's Church." No material element enters into this temple made without hands, eternally in harmony with its Principle, and indissoluble as spiritual idea.

Mrs. Eddy has never resigned into other hands the guidance and government of the temple, or body. She is its manifest head. Any concept of this Church which severs the individual from his ideal is false and presents an inverted image of this ideal. By separating the Pastor Emeritus from her Church and then thinking to use the Manual in the administering of a mutilated concept of her "ideal," the Directors of the Church in Boston have fallen into a hopeless case and have set themselves the impossible task of adapting a spiritual law to a material use.

As the holy Leader continued to build in consciousness *her* Church, did not the dragon "send forth a new flood to drown the Christ-idea"? As fast as the Leader revealed her ideal, material catholicism reversed it, in human consciousness, until a seemingly self-sustaining, self-perpetuating material organization, clothed with all the arrogant authority of ecclesiastical despotism, seems strongly intrenched on the false foundation of blind adherence to finite personality. S. & H. 570

When our Leader found that she could not lift her followers to her ideal, "The Mother Church," which stands for universal consciousness as a whole body, she began to cut herself off from their concept, or material organization, and turned to the one tender twig of a sturdy *branch* which was climbing steadily over the wall of material limitation.

The concept of Church, in the consciousness of Augusta E. Stetson, assumed definite form as "a ma-

S. & H. 595 terial superstructure, where mortals congregate for worship." Under the constant operation of Spirit this
S. & H. 583 changed to the intermediate concept, "that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick."

Firmly our Leader grasped the sensitive tendrils of this upward growing branch of *her* Church, the Mother
See def. of Wind S. & H. 597 Vine, which was swaying in the wind, moved by "the might of omnipotence." To human sense, "the movements of God's spiritual government," seemed to be
C. O. 33 "Destruction; anger;" but the words, "I have risen;"
My. 357 "begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, . . . Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*," these words are the support of the tender twig, the sensitive tendril, until spiritual understanding
S. & H. 583 completes the demonstration of "CHURCH. The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle."

Thus the mighty Leader took this branch of her own planting out of material organization and redeemed her first born of Spirit.

The Mother Church Manual, being the statement of the law governing the ideal Church, which cannot be severed from the individuality of Mary Baker Eddy, served as the instrument to accomplish this result.

Again human sense reversed the omnipotent act. The directors of the material organization, being found in the concept which the "risen" Leader had cut off, acted within their own sense of Church and Manual, and drove the spiritual idea out of the synagogue, where *they* stayed, while the spiritual idea rose higher in

demonstration, and is found in the Temple, the shrine of Love, confounding the doctors.

The wise Leader let "mortal passions" have their full sway, while she quietly said to her student, Augusta E. Stetson, "Beloved! you need to watch and pray that the enemy of good cannot separate you from your Leader and best earthly friend." My. 358

"The structure of Truth and Love" is the only Church cognized by spiritual sense and it is The First Church of Christ, Scientist. This structure will be revealed with our Leader. It is indeed Christ—"the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life." Immortality here and now demonstrated is the pinnacle of her "ideal" which cannot be separated from the individual Leader. This will be the fulfillment of her own words, "To-day I pray that divine Love, the life-giving Principle of Christianity, shall speedily wake the long night of materialism, and the universal dawn shall break upon the spire of this temple." S. & H. 583 Pul. 2 Mis. 144

The Mother Church embraces universal consciousness. Her branches individually, each and all, must glow in the morning light of spiritual reality and be crowned "with a diadem of duties done." My. 201

Our blessed Leader has thus crowned one,[1] who has refused to be separated from her "risen" Leader. The Manual of The Mother Church is being operated by her who thus transcribed the divine law. She is not cut off from *her* Church which is yet unseen but which is a living palpitating presence to those who know that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

Written in August, 1916.

[1] "I give and bequeath. . . to Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, of New York City, my 'crown of diamonds' breast-pin."
Will of Mary Baker Eddy.

SQUARING THE CIRCLE

Gen. 2 10, 11 13, 14

And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison . . . And the name of the second river is Gihon . . . And the name of the third river is Hiddekel. . . . And the fourth river is Euphrates.

Smith's Bible Dict.

"The spiritual interpretation of Scripture must rest upon both the literal and moral." In *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, the textbook of Chris-

S. & H. 320

tian Science, its author, Mrs. Eddy, says, "The one important interpretation of Scripture is the spiritual." Again on page 319, "The divine Science taught in the original language of the Bible came through inspiration, and needs inspiration to be understood."

On page 501 of the textbook begins the section entitled "Key to the Scriptures" which contains a "Glossary" of Bible names and terms. This Key with its Glossary is indispensable to the student who de-

S. & H. 495

sires to "Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe the spirit." In order to arrive at the original and only true meaning of the Scripture narrative, we must exchange our physical conception of terms for their metaphysical meaning.

Consulting the Glossary we find these definitions:

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RIVER. Channel of thought.

PISON (river). The love of the good and beautiful, and their immortality.

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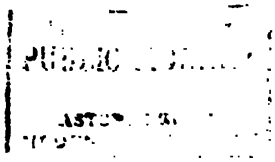
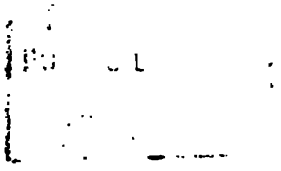
GIHON (river). The rights of woman acknowledged morally, civilly, and socially.

S. & H. 588

HIDDEKEL (river). Divine Science understood and acknowledged.





EUPHRATES (river). Divine Science encompassing the universe and man; the true idea of God; a type of the glory which is to come; metaphysics taking the place of physics; the reign of righteousness. The atmosphere of human belief before it accepts sin, sickness, or death; a state of mortal thought, the only error of which is limitation; finity; the opposite of infinity. S. & H. 585

The river which "became into four heads" is cognition or feeling; its four heads are seeing, hearing, taste and smell—channels of thought. Corporeal sense claims that these perceptive qualities are exercised through matter. Corporeal sense, however, is the serpent, Adam-Eve, which Truth casts out of consciousness, proves to be non-existent. "The corporeal senses are the only source of evil or error. Christian Science shows them to be false, because matter has no sensation, and no organic construction can give it hearing and sight nor make it the medium of Mind." "According to Christian Science, the only real senses of man are spiritual, emanating from divine Mind." S. & H. 489 S. & H. 284

"Sight, hearing, all the spiritual senses of man, are eternal. They cannot be lost. Their reality and immortality are in Spirit and understanding, not in matter, —hence their permanence." S. & H. 486

Consciousness cognizes only through Soul, Mind, Spirit. To this consciousness is ever flowing "The love of the good and beautiful, and their immortality." (River Pison.) Here are "The rights of woman acknowledged morally, civilly, and socially." (River Gihon.) By this consciousness is "Divine Science understood and acknowledged." (River Hiddekel.) To this consciousness comes the thought of "Divine Science encompassing the universe and man; the true idea of God; a type of the glory which is to come;

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metaphysics taking the place of physics; the reign of righteousness." (River Euphrates.)

As we have seen, Moses used the Garden of Eden as a type of universal and individual consciousness. Later, when Moses began to work out the problem of achieving the consciousness of Eden from which had been cast out corporeal sense, allegorized as the serpent, Adam-Eve, he found himself in conflict with this false claim, in his own and in universal consciousness. Moses, with all mortals, had leaned on corporeal sense and had accepted its testimony as reliable evidence.

S. & H. 321

> When, led by wisdom to cast down his rod, he saw it become a serpent, Moses fled before it; but wisdom bade him come back and handle the serpent, and then Moses' fear departed. In this incident was seen the actuality of Science. Matter was shown to be a belief only. The serpent, evil, under wisdom's bidding, was destroyed through understanding divine Science, and this proof was a staff upon which to lean.

This struggle with and victory over false sense made Moses a leader of an entire nation out of the bondage which this false sense had imposed. The type of consciousness here becomes a particular race of a million or more people, drawn up in military formation for the purpose of fighting every other race they might encounter, on their way to take possession of a country assigned to them by divine decree, but which was inhabited by hostile peoples. The second chapter of Numbers gives this formation, both when the tribes were encamped, and when they were on the march.

> And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his

own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies. . . . And those that do pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar. . . . Then the tribe of Zebulon. . . .

On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben. . . . And those which pitch by him shall be the tribe of Simeon. . . . Then the tribe of Gad. . . . Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim. . . . And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh. . . . Then the tribe of Benjamin. . . .

The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side. . . . And those that encamped by him shall be the tribe of Asher. . . . Then the tribe of Naphtali.

Let us leave Moses' camp for a moment and trace through the Bible some of the concepts of universal consciousness. David and Solomon built a temple which was a marvel of marble, precious woods, stones and metals. Ezekiel conceived of a temple which remained an ideal without revealed identity, or structure. John saw a city which "had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates." Rev. 21:12

Mrs. Eddy's thought presents no limits but insists upon the spiritual understanding of four cardinal points. Here is her conception of spiritual consciousness:

The four sides of our city are the Word, Christ, Christianity, and divine Science; "and the gates of it shall not be S. & H. 575

> shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there." This city is wholly spiritual, as its four sides indicate. . . . It is indeed a city of the Spirit, fair, royal, and square. Northward, its gates open to the North Star, the Word, the polar magnet of Revelation; eastward, to the star seen by the Wisemen of the Orient, who followed it to the manger of Jesus; southward, to the genial tropics, with the Southern Cross in the skies,—the Cross of Calvary, which binds human society into solemn union; westward, to the grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony.

Returning to Moses' camp, and using the "Key to the Scriptures," we unlock mysteries hid from the foundation of the world.

The east represents Christ—"eastward, to the star seen by the Wisemen of the Orient, who followed it to the manger of Jesus." "On the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch." Consulting the Glossary we find the
S. & H. 589 meaning of Judah: "A corporeal material belief progressing and disappearing; the spiritual understanding of God and man appearing." Jesus was of the
S. & H. 589 tribe of Judah. Glossary definition of Jesus: "The highest human corporeal concept of the divine idea, rebuking and destroying error and bringing to light
S. & H. 583 man's immortality." Definition of Christ: "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error." Accompanying Judah on
S. & H. 589 the east is Issachar who is defined as follows: "A corporeal belief; the offspring of error; envy; hatred; selfishness; self-will; lust." These are the qualities of the carnal mind which, personified in the scribes and Phari-
S. & H. 564 sees, crucified Jesus. "The brutal barbarity of his foes could emanate from no source except the highest

degree of human depravity." "The martyrdom of Jesus was the culminating sin of Pharisaism." Marching with Judah and Issachar is Zebulon. We find no definition for Zebulon in the Glossary. This fact leads to the conclusion that he is of those who easily respond to the last influence with which they have come in contact. To those of the tribe of Zebulon these words apply: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." S. & H. 597 Jos. 24:15

"On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben." South indicates Christianity,—"southward, to the genial tropics, with the Southern Cross in the skies,—the Cross of Calvary, which binds human society into solemn union." Reuben means "Corporeality; sensuality; delusion; mortality; error." S. & H. 593 Simeon is not defined; but Gad is given as "Science; spiritual being understood; haste towards harmony." 586 Here Simeon must choose; there can be only one right; there is no intermediate course. Right is right; wrong is but the suppositional opposite of right.

"On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim. . . . And by him shall be the tribe of Manasseh." The west is "divine Science"; "westward, to the grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony." We look in vain for definitions of Ephraim and Manasseh until we remember that they are Joseph which we find to mean: "A corporeal mortal; a higher sense of Truth rebuking mortal belief, or error, and showing the immortality and supremacy of Truth; pure affection blessing its enemies." S. & H. 589 On this side is placed Benjamin also. "A physical belief as to life, substance, and mind; human knowledge, or so-called mortal mind, devoted to matter; pride; envy; fame; illusion; a false belief; error mas- S. & H. 582

querading as the possessor of life, strength, animation and power to act.

"Renewal of affections; self-offering; an improved state of mortal mind; the introduction of a more spiritual origin; a gleam of the infinite idea of the infinite Principle; a spiritual type; that which comforts, consoles, and supports."

S. & H. 577 "The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side." The north symbolizes "the Word of Life, Truth, and Love;" "Northward, its gates open to the North Star, the Word, the polar magnet of Revelation"; Dan: "Animal magnetism; so-called mortal mind controlling mortal mind; error, working out the designs of error; one belief preying upon another." Naphtali is not defined in the Glossary.

In this analysis, we have followed the order of Moses' camp as given in Numbers, where the army marched under the standard of Judah which was planted to the eastward. The boundary of the Holy City begins at the north. The reason for this is clear. When writing Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy found it impossible to proceed until she had written the chapter on Animal Magnetism. The carnal mind, in false universal consciousness, represented in type by Dan, must be handled and overcome before "the North Star, the Word, the polar magnet of Revelation" could draw her into the realm of pure Mind where the eternal verities exist.

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Gal. 5 19-21 Paul says: "*Now* the works of the flesh [carnal mind, animal magnetism] are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, *witchcraft*, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like."

To Levi was committed the care of the tabernacle.

Levi is defined in the Glossary as "A corporeal and sensual belief; mortal man; denial of the fulness of God's creation; ecclesiastical despotism." Levi, ecclesiastical despotism, has ever held mortals in the tyranny of fear and superstition. Mortal man, sex generation, is *not* God's creation. Man, in the image and likeness of God, is himself the true temple and is governed by Mind, Soul, Spirit, the triune Principle—Life, Truth, Love. S. & H. 590

The universe of Spirit's creating reflects God and is symbolized by the square which is concentric and commensurate with the eternal circle or Principle. To square the circle has been the ambition of mathematicians. But Pi will continue to have a recurring decimal and the whole number three (symbolic of Life, Truth, Love) will not appear, be manifest, until the elements of error on the four sides of the square, symbolic of man, are ruled out by the might of spiritual reflection. Animal magnetism, so-called mortal mind, represented in type by Dan, must yield entirely in individual and in universal consciousness to the impelling power of spiritual attraction; then hope and faith, typified by Asher, shall quicken Naphtali; then shall Dan, Asher, Naphtali, be guided to the Golden Shore of Love by the North Star, the polar magnet of spiritual Revelation. Likewise on the east, Issachar representing the offspring of error must give everlasting place to Christ's offspring and envy, hatred, selfishness, and lust be destroyed by spiritual love; the star seen by the Wisemen of the Orient will lighten Zebulon; Judah, Issachar and Zebulon will march under the banner of Christ, and the manger of Jesus no longer be the shrine of ignorant idolatry.

To the south, the false claim of corporeality and

sensuality which seemed to identify Reuben shall fade out before the spiritual individuality of idea; mortality will be seen to be a delusion and error, not the truth of being. Then Science will give spiritual understanding and Reuben, Simeon, Gad, having borne the cross which binds human society into solemn union, will haste toward the achievement of the consciousness of immortality and enjoy the genial tropics of divine Love.

Joseph with the double strength of Ephraim and Manasseh, together with Benjamin, in their true spiritual identity, will overthrow the false concept of themselves and others and so bring about the "grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony."

S. & H. 562 "The twelve tribes of Israel with all mortals,—separated by belief from man's divine origin and the true idea,—will through much tribulation yield to the activities of the divine Principle of man in the harmony of Science."

On page twenty-one of *Science and Health* we find a vivid illustration of these cardinal points.

> If my friends are going to Europe, while I am *en route* for California, we are not journeying together. We have separate time-tables to consult, different routes to pursue. Our paths have diverged at the very outset, and we have little opportunity to help each other. On the contrary, if my friends pursue my course, we have the same railroad guides, and our mutual interests are identical; or, if I take up their line of travel, they help me on, and our companionship may continue.
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> Being in sympathy with matter, the worldly man is at the beck and call of error, and will be attracted thitherward. He is like a traveler going westward for a pleasure-trip. The company is alluring and the pleasures exciting.

After following the sun for six days, he turns east on the seventh, satisfied if he can only imagine himself drifting in the right direction. By-and-by, ashamed of his zig-zag course, he would borrow the passport of some wiser pilgrim, thinking with the aid of this to find and follow the right road.

California is *westward.* Our Leader, and her followers who are far enough along to understand are travelling "westward to the grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony."

Europe is *eastward.* The "manger of Jesus" represents the human concept of the divine idea. In the second chapter of Matthew, we read that "there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" There is nothing to evidence that these wise men looked for anything more than a human man, a national hero and king. They presented royal and princely gifts to him and even worshiped him, but this is no more than they would have accorded to any eastern potentate. Their enquiry of Herod as to where this king was to be found alarmed Herod and aroused him to seek the child that he might put him to death. This search led to a terrible massacre of children and forced the parents of Jesus to flee with the child into Egypt, where they remained until the animality aroused by the superficial seekers for truth had subsided or been self-destroyed. After the wise men had seen the babe and his mother, "they departed into their own country another way." Nothing more is heard of them; they drop out of the sacred history; they do not watch the unfolding of the idea in the life of Jesus. Jesus, however, left the manger and began at once to travel towards Calvary—he took up the cross, the human concept and conquered it, so that

Matt. 2:12

there was nothing left of what the wise men found in the cradle, the child Jesus.

Christendom has not travelled beyond the manger of Jesus and the great majority of Christian Scientists have not yet turned westward because they have not yet gone "southward, to the genial tropics, with the Southern Cross in the skies,—the Cross of Calvary, which binds human society into solemn union." They have let the human concept hide the divine idea. They have not crucified their own flesh and thus put off the body of death so as to be free to turn westward and follow in the footsteps of our Master and of our Leader. Many are "like a traveller going westward for a pleasure-trip. The company is alluring and the pleasures exciting. After following the sun for six days, he turns east on the seventh, satisfied if he can only imagine himself drifting in the right direction. By-and-by, ashamed of his zig-zag course, he would borrow the passport of some wiser pilgrim, thinking with the aid of this to find and follow the right road." How many travellers turn back to the human concept on the very day of fulfilment. How few can press forward keeping their faces to the Sun of Righteousness which will lead them out of the earth shadow and keep them in the glory of that Day where there is no night.

As we study this and the following page of Science and Health we find much to uplift and encourage. Our blessed Leader is squaring the circle of the Eternal City. She has travelled northward "to the North Star, the Word, the polar magnet of Revelation; eastward, to the star seen by the Wisemen of the Orient, who followed it to the manger of Jesus; southward, to the genial tropics, with the Southern Cross in the skies,—the Cross of Calvary, which binds human society into

solemn union." She is now hastening westward to the "grand realization of the Golden Shore of Love and the Peaceful Sea of Harmony."

Does not the completion of this square indicate that we are in the "latter days"? This perfect square must be traced in each individual consciousness, as well as in the universal thought. Our teacher, Mrs. Stetson, is westward bound, for she has borne the cross and won the "diadem of duties done." We cannot travel westward by following the star to a human concept only; we must follow the *sun*, by knowing that we are rays of the great Sun of Righteousness and that the healing is in the *rays* because of their reflection of the Sun. If we follow the Sun we shall always be of the Day, in the full "irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love." My. 201 S. & H. 584

WOMAN'S SPIRITUAL SUPREMACY

The woman whom thou gavest to be with me.
Genesis 3:12

The ideal woman is appearing, and the false belief proportionately disappearing. This is woman's hour. It is the hour for divine Love to present its divine concepts. Divine Love is the Mother of all ideas. It is only by reflecting this divine Love, by loving selflessly, universally, divinely, that we can bring out, bring forth, in ourselves and others, the true conception of man and the universe.

To be convinced of this is to strive, to struggle to overcome the human at every point. We must deny ourselves the harboring of any thought which does not emanate from that Mind which is Spirit. Only in

this way can we reveal compound idea, the image, idea, likeness of Life, Truth, Love, God's man in His own image and likeness.

Corporeal sense is the tempter. At every turn it holds before us its own illusionary form, so compelling us to acknowledge a so-called dragon, instead of the Christ.

But this seeming dragon is not real. We can refuse to accept the testimony of material sense. Henceforth know we nothing—man, woman, or any object—after the flesh.

As Christian Scientists, we must hold ourselves as wholly spiritual, and begin to build on this conception of being. We must work, and continue to work, until we find, realize, the real of every one. God will justify this ardent desire, for *it is* prayer, and will be answered in demonstration. This is our work for humanity. We must keep our feet, spiritual understanding, in Christ; we must keep our lamps filled with the oil of consecration to Truth; we must hold aloft these lamps with a steady hand, a firm grasp on reality. This lambent flame of pure spirituality will stir the dreamers, and move them to activity, in the dream, a condition precedent to conscious awakening to Christ's demands.

The eternal fact that God is the Father of man was discerned by the prophets, but not demonstrated until the masculine representative of God's fatherhood dated the Christian era. Jesus Christ gave a mighty impulsion to spirituality. As long, however, as mortals believe themselves to be creators, and accept the great schism in their false creation known as *sex*, the true image and likeness cannot "appear."

The oncoming power of the feminine representative of God's motherhood is stirring the entire mass of

mortal consciousness, forcing it to give up some of its long held despotism.

Unquestionably, the restless activity among women to gain their rights of equal suffrage is caused by the actual presence of the ideal woman, a wholly spiritual idea wedded to Principle and representing Truth and Love.

The government of Christ, the ideal man, both male and female as compound idea of a compound Principle or Cause, Life and Love, is already established on earth, and is soon to be revealed. We belong to this spiritual estate and as Christian Scientists of advanced understanding, we throw the weight of our thought and influence into the scale of the wholly spiritual. In this way, we reflect into consciousness the glory of Christ's government, thus dispelling the ignorance and fear attendant on a belief in sex.

The spiritual activity reflected by Christian Scientists will penetrate every stratum of human thought, stirring it into rebellion against injustice of every kind. For enlightened Christian Scientists to desert their post as light givers to the whole race; for them to return to positions outgrown and again descend into the maelstrom of organized human activity is to make a fatal mistake, and delays the universal awakening to man's true estate, even his membership in Christ, where race and sex are unknown.

Let us hold our mental stand unmoved on the Horeb Height of the revelation that man is compound spiritual idea, and let us reflect to mortals the compound Principle of Life and Love. Great confusion among mortals is inevitable, as the various constituent elements of mortal mentality are brought to the surface, in the process of disintegration under the operation of the

ever increasing power of the reflection we pour into thought, as we rise higher in spiritual understanding.

The motherhood of God renders impossible any motherhood of Eve. Thus flesh is doomed and the forever fact that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*" is being understood.

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We, who have this higher understanding, this advanced realization, must hold the ground, wrested from the dark realm of material sense; we must *not* be swayed by the sweeping currents of mortal mentality, as it changes its forms, and goes through the various phases of its dream existence of beginning and end. No, we must be true to our great responsibility—to begin to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation." As Christian Scientists, we cannot step down into the swelling tide of human opinions. We must keep in communion with God, in "the secret place of the most High," and from there, send out the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom [Christ] cometh; go ye out to meet him."

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Ps. 91:1

Matt. 25:6

In this hour, only constant spiritual work will keep us safe and enable us to help others who are still in the "surging sea of error, not struggling to lift their heads above the drowning wave." Therefore, instead of marching today with the women who are urging their unquestionable right to equal suffrage; instead of even going to view the passing pageant of sex beliefs, let those Christian Scientists who have been called to wholly spiritual work stay in silent communion with that omnipotent Principle which is impelling all progress, compelling all reform, and forcing Adam to give up his arrogant assumption of superiority.

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The time is fast approaching, is even now here, in which Adam must acknowledge his own self-deception as the Lord of creation, and his blindness to the rights of woman.

The fleshly Adam, under the mesmerism and hypnotism of the "deep sleep" that fell upon him, has arrogated to himself a vain show of the "dominion" bestowed *only* on the *Christ*-man created in God's own "image and likeness." This vain show has proved itself to be not dominion over all things but slavery and bondage, domination of his fellows, and resistance to equality of the sexes. Gen. 2:21

There have been moments when self-mesmerism has lifted somewhat, and Adam has roused to catch a glimpse of himself as the tempter and the tempted, the sin and the sinner, the dream and the dreamer. In these lucid intervals, he has striven to shake off the self-imposed incubus, the lie of masculine prerogatives and self-sufficiency.

As we look down the ages we find that every department of human affairs has felt the inspiration of woman's thought, her word, her deed. Every noble aspiration, every work accomplished for the betterment of humanity has found woman giving of her oil, and lifting high the torch of spiritual illumination.

We find her inspiring, sustaining, encouraging, but rarely accorded more than a subordinate position. Too long has she permitted Adam to represent her. Her clarion voice *rings out from the ranks*, while the man who has been upheld and impelled to benefit mankind by *her* keen spiritual intuition and unselfed love for humanity, is seen wearing the regalia of office.

Much has been lost by the non-recognition of real leadership. Woman's spiritual methods have been reversed, misunderstood, or willfully disobeyed by the incumbent figure-head. Woman herself has been unconscious of her inspirational powers. Silent and inactive, she has marched with the "dumb, driven cattle,"

or, if aware of her power to *lead* in the line of progress, she has chafed under the restraint of barbarous codes, and despaired of annulling unjust laws.

There have been instances where woman's leadership has been so evident, however, so apparent that no usurper could hide the fact from view. Here and there, we see, on some beacon hill, woman, standard in hand, leading an army against the opponent of progress. We find her fighting ignorance and prejudice, tradition and race belief in education, politics, civics; we meet her in literature, art, in science; we hear her pleading at the bar, haranguing the populace, preaching from the pulpit. And now she is coming forward to take her place before the world, which she actually holds by virtue of her superior spiritual mentality.

By the irresistible force of spiritual attraction, woman is taking the leading place of all leadership. She is putting off the shackles of personal magnetism; she is shaking herself free from the wiles and snares of "feminine charm"; she is breaking away from the mesmerism of flattery, and the hypnotism of idolatry; she is casting aside, as a filthy garment, the adulation of the false Adam, and is walking side by side with true manhood, uplifting and advancing civilization, and revealing the new man and the new woman of the twentieth century. Woman is rising into the majesty and might of sublime womanhood, and will stand in her place of spiritual supremacy.

Men have too long, by their assumption of place and power, occupied the "high places" in the religious world. Because down through the ages, prophets and apostles have presented the idea of the fatherhood of God, shall not the motherhood of God, which has moved these men to think and act, now come forth to be seen,

as John saw Her, in the Apocalypse, radiant with power, putting down the dragon and restoring the real universe, and man in God's image and likeness?

Men have not possessed enough spiritual power to accomplish the destruction of sin, disease and death, and, because of their failure to preach the gospel that fulfills the law of Love, God will not let the standard remain in their hands.

A new era has dawned. Women are uniting in the march for mental and spiritual freedom. The rhythmic beat of their feet will soon be heard as they sweep down the avenue of this great city. The music of their march will be the swelling hope and steady faith of intelligence and love.

And what is this Power which is awakening the world to resist the despotism of ecclesiastical control, the domination of masculine priestcraft?

Woman is rousing! If woman, where is the woman? There must be *one* representative, *one* leading individual presence to continue the history of God's representative, one who shall lead the nations to one Principle, one Christ, one universe, all governed by one God and His highest manifestation, the woman representing the motherhood of God.

Where is she? Mary Baker Eddy has found that "corporeal sense is the serpent. Hence she is first to abandon the belief in the material origin of man and to discern spiritual creation." The lie which has deceived and deprived woman of her God-given dominion—the right to assert her convictions and defend her womanhood, she has uncovered. This spiritual insight into the secret workings of the fleshly mind has enabled her to turn away from matter to Spirit and so become the great dispenser of light to mankind. Since 1866, when

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she discovered the Science of being and named it Christain Science, Mary Baker Eddy has been leading the world to Christ.

The onward march of true manhood and womanhood to discern the reality of being has been the result of her Christly life and spiritual teachings. She lives, and her spiritual individual identity, her mental power, is impelling mankind to wake to their divine inheritance as sons and daughters of God. The woman of the twentieth century will rise to acknowledge Mrs. Eddy's spiritual teachings as the emancipator from the bondage of mental slavery.

Mary Baker Eddy has carried the battle against carnal mind into the hidden realm of consciousness where human sight fails to visualize her. When, however, through spiritualization of thought, her faithful followers have put off the illusion of sex generation, the Adam-Eve belief of life and intelligence in matter, sufficiently to behold the spiritual man of God's creating, they will perceive, cognize the presence of their Leader, in her true substance selfhood, as Christ, Truth, the visible compound representative of the Principle, Life and Love.

Our Leader's highest commissioned officer, i.e., her most spiritually endowed student is Augusta E. Stetson. This student is holding up the standard of true Christian Science until the din of error's resistance to Truth shall die away, no longer deafening the ears of the people to the Leader's voice; the shadowy conceptions of mortal mind shall fade into nothingness, no longer hiding the form divinely fair of the perfect idea of God. With this ability to visualize the substance of Mind, will come the comprehension of the mystery of godliness even the universe and man created by Mind, Spirit, God.

As Jesus represented the fatherhood of God,

Mrs. Eddy has revealed and represented the motherhood of God. These two individual natures in one Christ will continue to lead on the nations to the glorious freedom of the children of God.

THE PILGRIM

Thoughts on seeing the Pageant presented at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in commemoration of the Tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Hebrews 11:1, 2, 13–16, 37–40.

In tender mercy, Spirit sped
  A loyal ray
To rouse the living, wake the dead,
  And point the Way—

The Christ-idea, God anoints—
Of Truth and Life;
The Way in Science He appoints,
That stills all strife.
Christ and Christmas.

This "loyal ray" of spiritual identity penetrated corporeal sense, and Abraham beheld Christ, the King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God.

Throughout the Adamic dream the "loyal ray" has continued to disturb the shadow illusions. Under its quickening influence, Moses declared the serpent Adam-Eve to be dust, and that it was cast out of the garden, out of consciousness.

S. & H. 200 Moses advanced a nation to the worship of God in Spirit instead of matter, and illustrated the grand human capacities of being bestowed by immortal Mind.

The "loyal ray" sped on, touching here one, and there another to prophetic rapture, until it penetrated the gross darkness that was upon the people. "Is not this the Christ?" asked the Samaritan woman, and left her waterpot unfilled at Jacob's well of material conceptions. "Thou art the Christ!" declared Peter, stepping within the radiance of its shining. "Rabboni," Master! cried Mary, standing with her back to the empty tomb where she had laid her fondest hope, and facing the glorious light of her risen Lord.

John 4:29

Mark 8:29

John 20:16

The "loyal ray," having revealed itself as the ideal man of God's creating, now gathered new strength from its source, the Sun of Righteousness, Soul, Mind, Spirit, and sped on to the accomplishment of its fuller mission, even the revealing of itself as also the ideal

woman of God's creating, thus reiterating the divine fiat, "Let the 'male and female' of God's creating appear." S. & H. 249

As in the overcoming of the male deception, it required the fitting of a place and the forming of a nation for the reception of the "Christ-idea," so in the overcoming of the female deception, it required the fitting of a place and the forming of a nation for the reception of the "Christ-idea."

In the preparation for the first demonstration, the proving, through Jesus, that God, not Adam, is the Father of man, that Life not death is the source of being, in this first preparation, Moses led out from Egypt a fear-filled multitude of ignorant, superstitious slaves who were continually rebelling against the unforeseen hardships of the wilderness journey, and ever longingly looking back to the confining, narrowing servitude which at least had afforded them an assured shelter and abundant food. They fretted under the disciplinary measures of their inspired leader; they resisted the experiences which were necessary to form them to be repositories of the Messianic teachings until the Messiah himself should come and Christ be proved to be "The everlasting Father," the representative of divine Principle—eternal Life. By this first demonstration or coming of Christ, Adam's claim to be father was disproved and relegated to mythology; his serpent tongue was shown to be a liar and its progeny lies. Isa. 9:6

The second demonstration or "coming" involved the revelation of the Christ as the Mother or representative of the divine Principle of all conception, *Love*, thus destroying the claim of Adam that his Eve, or conceiving organ, was the mother of all living and showing her to be only the other half of the same serpent, or liar.

This latter revelation is final, apodictic. It brings "the promised Day of Israel," when "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord" shall cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea."

Hab. 2:14

The "loyal ray" sped on. A new world must be discovered; a virgin consciousness be found. This time, not a narrow river, but a vast ocean is crossed. Not on dry land mercifully revealed to the timid, faltering Hebrews, but over a storm-tossed, angry sea in a tiny frail vessel, came the Spirit-driven Puritan-Separatists who "confessed that they were strangers and Pilgrims on the earth." Not to a country where their fathers had been before them, and which was theirs and of which they knew from God that they needed only to take possession. No! these brave Puritan Pilgrims, unflinching seekers for freedom to worship God, came to an unknown, far-off land. They came with stern resolve to establish a nation of God fearing, man loving people. They committed themselves to the protection of an all-merciful Father whom they trusted without any sensible evidence of His special favor. Their spirituality enabled them to face every obstacle to progress. Instead of outward wonders to awe them and terrify their enemies, they felt the mighty impulsion of spiritual aspiration. Their outward vision saw no pillar of cloud by day, nor of fire by night, but, upon the altar of their hearts, there burned, with lambent flame, a pure devotion to an impelling spiritual Cause. They knew that the Rock that followed them was Christ, although its substance was faith and as yet "unseen." Their hunger brought no honeyed manna nor wind-driven quail; they fed their famished hearts on the Word of God. The Bible which recounted the temptations and trials of their prototypes was their con-

stant handbook. When they stepped upon Plymouth Rock they, like Jacob, found the gate of heaven. No thundering voice from Sinai terrified this Pilgrim band. They heard, listened to, and obeyed the still, small voice of spiritual intuition. Hear these words from the Mayflower Compact: "In the name of God, Amen. . . . for the better ordering and furtherance of our desired worship of God. Now we do covenant and combine ourselves that our governing in this new world may be by us and for us for the greatest good of all."

America! Thy ardent stars aspire!
They shine resplendent; having pierced their way,
They show the promised land where Christ shall slay
The wily serpent's brood. Here burns the fire
Of liberty and hope that shall inspire
To rise and overthrow the reign of clay.
Manasseh's Eagle soars. Behold the Day
Desired of all. The despot's fitful ire
Flits out. Immortal sonship crowned of God.
Shall reign as King and priest in realm of Mind.
With constitution sound and broad, a state
Established firm in Truth, thy mighty rod
Of potent Love shall chasten all mankind
Until upon the Lord they learn to wait.

The "loyal ray" sped on. The light of freedom dawned. The Declaration of Independence fulfilled in type, on the physical plane, the words of Moses:

> Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was *separated from his brethren.* — Deut. 33:16

Then followed the Constitution of the United States, an interpretation of fundamental law which laid the foundations for a pure democracy and hinted the

brotherhood of man. The Monroe Doctrine published to the world that no interference from old effete systems of government would be tolerated by this young Republic. The Emancipation Proclamation was the last stroke of the hour that ushered in the second coming or appearing of the "loyal ray." *Eve* was disproved and relegated to mythology. No longer can her response to Adam's lying serpent be tolerated, nor her conceptions be honored as man. They are already known to be lies, counterfeits of truth.

The "loyal ray" now shines in the fullness of its complete nature. The Christ, having overcome the masculine human of Jesus and the feminine human of Mary Baker Eddy, is leading the children of spiritual Israel into the Promised Land of Truth and Love.

From *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, I quote:

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> The rights of man were vindicated in a single section and on the lowest plane of human life, when African slavery was abolished in our land. That was only prophetic of further steps towards the banishment of a world-wide slavery, found on higher planes of existence and under more subtle and depraving forms.
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> The voice of God in behalf of the African slave was still echoing in our land, when the voice of the herald of this new crusade sounded the keynote of universal freedom, asking a fuller acknowledgment of the rights of man as a Son of God, demanding that the fetters of sin, sickness, and death be stricken from the human mind and that its freedom be won, not through human warfare, not with bayonet and blood, but through Christ's divine Science.

This new crusade is wholly mental. Its Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has called the citizens of the world

to follow her in the warfare against sin, disease, and death. She and her faithful followers are contending against the subtle forces hidden in the realm of carnal mind, which have caused all sin, all suffering, all the horrible evil of mortal so-called existence.

In the preceding crusades, those waged on the physical plane, only the outward phenomena of physical conditions have been dealt with, and, although the battle has been arduous, and brave men and women have given themselves and all they knew to the overthrow of oppression and the establishment of justice, mercy, and peace, yet not until thought was liberated and the secret workings of the mortal mental uncovered by the "loyal ray," have the champions of Truth fully antagonized and fearlessly encountered the diabolical operations of hypnotism, mesmerism and animal magnetism.

Our Leader's faithful lieutenant has been her loyal student, Augusta E. Stetson. The words of Moses have for us a deeper meaning and we realize their spiritual import as applied to the Joseph of this hour.

> Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was *separated from his brethren.*

The Bible is the inspired Word of God; it is the truth for time and eternity. The statements therein are made of the *antitype*, that which is represented by the type, although the types first appear in successive degrees of reality until the antitype itself fulfils the original statement. We see this exemplified in the story of Joseph who is the type of the chosen one of all the children of Israel, who is "separated from his

brethren," in order that he may store the precious grain of truth which must feed the brethren.

America, Manasseh, as a subdivision of Joseph, holds a "separated" place among the nations. This is also true of England, Ephraim. When the two brothers, each in his degree, have fulfilled type, they will be united, and together, as Joseph, will meet the nations' need in furnishing the world with an example of pure democracy and a true republic. As is said of Joseph:

Deut. 33:17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

Then must this last *type* yield to its antitype, to that which is represented by the type, and the whole world come to the true or spiritual Joseph, the favored son among many brethren, to obtain the wheat of God, the spiritual interpretation and teaching of Christian Science.

There are indications of this "consummation devoutly to be wished." The public press is carrying all over this country, Manasseh, the inspired writings of Augusta E. Stetson, the true Joseph antitype. In the mental pilgrimage she has planted her foot upon the Rock, Christ, on the shore of the New World of Mind's creating. She has withstood all the arguments, all the aggressive mental suggestions of the agents of carnal mind. She has fearlessly stood against the undertow of accepted dogma, creed, convention, and usage wherever these conflicted with revealed Truth and the spiritual teachings of Christian Science. She

has made no concession to human opinion nor consulted personal expediency. She has been true to the impress her Leader and Teacher made upon her with the seal of Christ. Like Luther she could do no otherwise for God was her help and sure defence.

Augusta E. Stetson can say with Mary Baker Eddy:

And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea — Po. 12
I see Christ walk,
And come to me, and tenderly,
Divinely talk.

Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Much has been written of late on the subject of the importance of national anthems; of the influence of singing on the individual and communal life of peoples.

Nobody would for an instant attempt to deny or would fail to recognize that this influence is purely metaphysical—outside of, beyond physical causation. It is a mental stimulus. It requires only a step further in logical sequence to apprehend that as the *thought* so the effect, as the quality of the song so will be its power to influence and control.

As a patriot, as a lover of pure democratic ideas, as one convinced of the great role America must play in the drama of nations, I am writing these few words, hoping, trusting, that they will carry to all who read them the message that I feel is timely.

When our dear boys stood on the deck of the Tuscania and sang together "The Star Spangled Banner," their own spirit of heroism carried them far beyond the paucity, yea, the mental poverty of the words, and the meagre impulsion of the music. Both words and music were singularly inept and false in such a crucial, soul searching hour.

It is a well-known law in physics as well as in metaphysics that a stream rises no higher than its source. The source of the words of the hitherto accredited national hymn was exultation over the defeat of the English forces at the battle of Fort McHenry, in the War of 1812. This war was occasioned by a misunderstanding of the rights of Americans on the high seas. These words were born in the atmosphere of war and hatred against our friend and ally.

The music has no higher source than a drinking song. Both words and music have been forced into acceptance by a people whose ideals have ever been high, but whose self-consciousness has held them back from spontaneous musical expression.

If our soldiers were brave and steadfast, on the deck of the torpedoed Tuscania while so inadequately supplied with mental stimulus by the only song they knew, and that song devoid of any inspiration, or in the least commensurate in animus with their own heroic temper; if, I say, they turned to the only medium of expression they had for their loyal devotion to a cause, and that expression is poor to the point of indigency, what might have been, yea, what would have been the effect upon them if they could have united in one mighty tone of true comprehending patriotism, a definite statement of what our national standard is, as it is given in these inspired words:

America, on-pressing van
Of all the hopes of waking man,
We love thy flag!—
Thy stately flag of steadfast stars,
And white, close held to heart-red bars,
Which none shall drag!

Can we not feel the Power which holds the sea in the hollow of the hand, in such words as these which conclude this noble hymn:

America, the God of love,
Whose name is ev'ry name above,
Is thy defense.
'Tis thou must lead the longing world
From phantom fears to Love's unfurled
Omnipotence.

Did all but realize the exalted mission of America, the people would rise and demand a more fitting expression of national sentiment than a drinking song, bearing the unprofitable burden of meaningless words.

The two verses quoted above are from "Our America," a seven stanza poem by Alice Morgan Harrison, carried on the pinions of stately music whose majestic action stirs response in those who sing it, and love it. The setting is that of Augusta E. Stetson.

"OUR AMERICA"

The National Anthem

The call for a proper national anthem is timely. Many of us have wakened to the fact that a club drinking song (the music to which Key arranged his

"Star Spangled Banner") cannot be acceptable to a people inspired with a sublime national ideal.

Nor can "God Save the King" be the air for the America of today who is to give to the world the pure democracy of divine right.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic," grand and noble as are its words, was inspired by and is wedded to an air which had its origin in darkest Africa, and is indissolubly associated, in later days with internecine bitterness and cruel taunts. Surely this is no medium for the exalted message of world brotherhood which we have in our hearts, and which is continually springing to our lips.

The following song fulfils all the requirements of a national anthem for this great nation.

It will be noticed that there are seven verses, seven being the number symbolic of completeness, or wholeness. The progression of these verses is significant and natural.

First, light; second, resultant freedom; third, the seal; fourth, the flag; fifth, the uniting of England and America under the names of Ephraim and Manasseh, thus satisfying the Bible prophecies concerning these sons of Joseph; sixth, the universal brotherhood of man as the outcome of this union; seventh, the inauguration of the perfect divine democracy under the standard of "Love's unfurled omnipotence."

These remarkable words, by Alice Morgan Harrison, have been set to music by Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D. The music is tuneful, rhythmic and richly harmonized. This work of two American women forms a magnificent national anthem, American in origin, in ideal, in conception, both as to words and music, and must call forth the complete democracy where "There is neither Jew

Gal. 3: 28

nor Greek [American, English, French or German], there is neither bond nor free, *there is neither male nor female;* for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

OUR AMERICA

America, thou gavest birth
To light that lighteth all the earth.
God keep it pure!
We love that onward leading light;
We will defend it with our might;
It shall endure!

America, our love of thee
Is freemen's love of Liberty,
The Spirit-blest,
Which holds high happiness in store,
When Right shall reign from shore to shore,
From East to West.

America, thy seer-graved seal
Foretells the perfect Commonweal
Of God-made men;
Its eagle with unwearied wings
Is symbol of the thought-seen things
Of prophets' ken.

America, on-pressing van
Of all the hopes of waking man,
We love thy flag!—
Thy stately flag of steadfast stars,
And white, close held to heart-red bars,
Which none shall drag!

America, in thee is found
Manasseh's tribe, to Ephraim bound
By Israel's vow,

Whose destiny is heaven-sealed;
Far-spreading vine in fruitful field,
God's planting, thou!

America, faith-shadowed land,
Truth dwells in thee, and Truth shall stand
To guard thy gate.
Thy planted seed of potent good
Shall grow to world-wide brotherhood,
Man's true estate.

America, the God of love
Whose name is ev'ry name above,
Is thy defense.
'Tis thou must lead the longing world
From phantom fears to Love's unfurled
Omnipotence.

Alice Morgan Harrison.

NOTE.—In the October, 1916, *Bulletin of New Music* (G. Schirmer, Inc.), there appeared this paragraph:

The Song and Light Festival of the New York Community Chorus in Central Park (September 13, last) was applauded by an audience of over sixty thousand people. Aside from music by Handel and Wagner, folksongs and art-songs, its program introduced and established in public favor Augusta E. Stetson's "Our America."

"Our America," as easy to sing as "My Country 'Tis of Thee," as thrilling in its patriotic appeal as "The Star Spangled Banner," a noble melody, set to a noble poem, inspiring and uplifting, made a deep impression. To judge by the enthusiastic reception accorded its first public performance, this hymn may well be that new national anthem, truly expressive of American ideals and aspirations for which the country has been waiting. For

the spirit of Our America is raised far above partisan appeal of any kind—it is American, and American only, through and through.

THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:11–18.

There is but one Mind. Mind is God—the only creator, the only Father-Mother. I am idea. I am offspring, child of this one Father-Mother. I am *mental*. Now let me put on the armor that Mind provides. I am putting on the breastplate of righteousness. I am thinking the thoughts of Mind, of good, of Truth, of Life, of Love. This thinking is moving me to right action. I am mental; righteousness is right thinking, right acting, right being. I have on the breastplate of righteousness.

Now my feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. This message of peace is ready; my understanding is endued with it. I know this message of Love; I can give it; I believe it; I understand it. It

is my life. I love it; I can speak it; I can clothe it in words, in acts; I can live it; walk in it. I can find reception for it. My feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

The helmet of salvation protects my head. Salvation! I *am* saved, not going to be. God is now my creator, my savior, my Principle. This thought guides me, governs me, controls my thought; there is no thought-force but Principle, divine Mind. There is but one Head of all creation—the Christ, manifest Mind. The head governs the whole body, this is salvation! I have put on the helmet of salvation.

My loins are girt about with truth. The truth that I am spiritual, not material, not organic. I manifest spiritual qualities, not carnal desires. I am mental. Truth girds me; Truth holds me firm, strong, free and secure. I am girt about with truth!

Now over all this panoply of Love I hold before me the shield of faith, that *substance* which cannot be penetrated by any fiery dart of false thought or malicious intent. This shield covers me entirely; this faith in God, this trust in good is a quality of Mind and it is substance; it is understanding; it is indestructible; it is the knowledge, the conviction, the absolute realization that God is All in all; it is the consciousness of my oneness with God—good. I have the shield of faith.

This is all defensive armor. I am mental. Mind has clothed me with its own might and majesty.

In my hand I take the Sword of the Spirit which is the *Word* of God. The *Word* of God! My weapon is the word, the spoken, uttered truth. Let me now go forth and *declare* God's wonderful works. God is my Life! Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. Man is God's child, the image of Love. He is not

animal, nor mortal, nor sick, sinning nor dying. There is no power in evil; no pleasure in sin. There is no matter; no material law; no mortal mentality; no carnal mind, no animal magnetism, no mesmerism, no glamor of human personality; no personal contagion; no hypnotism; no scholastic theology; no materia medica; no illusion nor delusion of belief.

I will wield this sword of God. I am mental. I proceed from divine Mind, there is no other Mind. God is All and His Christ is the only creation. Everyone is God's idea.

Written in 1915.

THE JEWEL

Through many centuries the so-called Christian Church has deceived mankind with its assumption of authority. Its false teaching based on the belief of life in matter has held the human race to the constant contemplation of sin, disease and death. Developed by the worst human passions, ecclesiastical despotism became a Goliath which terrorized the people.

Like the shepherd boy of old, Mary Baker Eddy gathered, in the clear mountain stream of spiritual understanding, the polished stone of pure intelligent thought. With the force of her mighty realization, she sped this brilliant jewel of divine logic, "the scientific statement of being."

It lodged in the forehead of Goliath and now the mighty giant is fallen. His huge carcass seems to occupy all space and constitute the visible universe and man. But this object of material sense no longer terrifies those who keep their eyes fastened on the bright jewel lodged in his forehead for they know

S. & H. 468 "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all. Spirit is immortal Truth; matter is mortal error. Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. Spirit is God, and man is His image and likeness. Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual."

GLADIOLA AND ASTER

Fair Gladiola, tall, stately and brave,
Pierce like a sword the vain shadows of error;
Thrust sure and true, with thy sharp, slender glave;
Strike and spare not, till all fear and all terror
Flee like the mist at the sun's steady light.
Sheathe not thy blade, let it gleam in the dark;
Flash its keen edge, till, dispelling the night,
Dawn wakens all with her herald the lark.

Send out your radiant colors, O Aster,
Fragrant and feathery, blithesome and free!
Lift up thy glory and shine, for the Master
Calls thee to gladden the world with thy glee.
Shine through the veil of the matter illusion;
Show thy real self in the substance of Mind,
Then shall we see, midst the mortal confusion,
Thee, like a star, shining royal and kind.

Fling out your many-hued banners of light,
Crimson and scarlet, magenta and red,
Yellow and orange and purple and white;
Bid all your colors as ensigns be spread.
Ring, Gladiola, thy clustering bells,
Aster, shine clear as a star in the sky;
Speed the glad message o'er mountains and dells:
"Christ, the true heir and his kingdom are nigh."

NOTE

Gladiola is derived from a word meaning *sword.*
Aster means *star.*

BASKET FOUR

Letters to Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 15, 1900.

DEAR MRS. STETSON:

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to come near to you, to express, in some measure, our deep gratitude for the clear-eyed Wisdom, protecting Love and unfailing Truth that you, our teacher, have unsparingly, unceasingly and oh so patiently reflected to us.

You will have many letters from faithful, loving students, just now, whose words of cheer will bear to you what Mother[1] calls the "perfume of *gratitude*." S. & H. 367 Could anything be more exquisitely discerning of what gratitude is than that inspired phrase of our blessed Leader: the "perfume of *gratitude*," a sweet, all-penetrating aroma exhaling naturally, irresistibly, and revealing the love and beauty dwelling in the consciousness! This, dearest Mrs. Stetson, this "perfume of *gratitude*" —I love to repeat the words—is exhaling from my heart, for the deepest, truest, tenderest love I have is for you, and through you for our Mother. You have brought me such joy, you have lifted the horizon of life for me. I was rebelling against what the world called woman's sphere; I was seeking completion as an individual creation of God. Can I tell you, do you know,

[1] At this time Christian Scientists called Mrs. Eddy by the endearing name of Mother.

yes, you must feel it, for Love gave it me through Mother and through you, this sense of the entirety of Being.

There is no need of my telling you that I love you; you know it for you first showed me Love. But I do want to tell you that I *am* striving to see God as He is, and that in my place, where you have put me, I am trying to be faithful.

God give you the sweet assurance of His Presence.

Lovingly your child,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
November 17, 1905.

MRS. AUGUSTA E. STETSON,
1 West 96th Street,
New York City.

BELOVED TEACHER:

We, the class of November, 1898, rejoice in being represented by a loyal remnant.

Mal. 3:3 We know that you have sat as a "refiner and purifier of silver"; that you have waited patiently for us to be tried in the furnace and have watched with us while the dross is being consumed, oh, so slowly. We acknowledge that you have reflected to us so much of the dissolving heat of divine Love that had we not been cold and hard, the pure ore would long ago have been separated from the dross; and in that melted, fluid state you could have Heb. 8:5 poured us into the model "shewed to thee in the mount."

You have met the terrific heat of the blast furnace; but in the light of that fire there is being revealed to us the face of our teacher, as she bends over the crucible and waits for the perfect reflection.

We know that the full thirty will some day stand

before you; there shall come forth from the furnace the *entire* jewel which your Teacher, our blessed Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, shall place in your crown of rejoicing.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

For the class of November, 1898.

READING ROOMS OF FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST,
NEW YORK CITY,
November 12, 1907.

BLESSED TEACHER AND FRIEND:

Blessed, because you have heard *your* Teacher's voice, and come out, and separated yourself from the false and unreal.

Blessed, because you have borne the cross of the world's hatred of Truth. *Blessed*, thrice blessed, because you have worn the crown of the world's calumny and abuse. Ah! but that crown gleams with jewels whose "price is far above rubies." Prov. 31:10

Teacher, because you have given to us the pure milk of the Word; have demonstrated the Rule of Divine Science; have patiently, lovingly pointed out our mistakes and shown us *how* to work our problem, erasing—sometimes with your own tears—our wrong figures but so wisely withholding your hand that would inscribe the right figure lest, when we come to the examination, we might ourselves fail to apply the Principle correctly.

Teacher, because you have taught us to spell the Word; to read the Rule; to write the Testimony; to add, subtract, multiply and divide in Divine Mathematics. You have opened for us a new History, that of God's dealings with *Man*. A new Art, the form, outline and color of Spirit. A new Music, the Harmony of the One Mind. In one word, you have brought us to an under-

standing of the Text Book which contains all that mortals need—even *science* and *health*. (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy.)

Friend, because you have come to us in our dire need; have healed our wounds, our ignorance, sin, sorrow. You have clothed us with your purity and meekness and might. You have fed us, at your table, with the Bread of Heaven; you have given us to taste, ever so little, of your cup and it has refreshed and exalted; what if sometimes it has seemed to intoxicate? You have learned to wait until the wine will have done its work, and until those who have so drunk of it return to take again the cup from your hands and touch it with pure lips and clean hands; then will they drink *deep* enough of Spirit, Life.

All this—and more—more, more have *you* done for *us!* And we?

Ah, but you have *taught* us! We have the same Principle; we are following the same Leader; treading the same Way. The Way which Jesus trod, which our Leader Mary trod, which you have trod full many a league ahead; this Way is blossoming with their love and yours. You have strangled many a viper; plucked up many a noxious plant; pointed out many a pitfall and snare.

If we are watchful and obedient, we may, we *must* follow—for there is no other Way.

Again, Beloved, we pledge to you our love, our loyalty, and our instant obedience.

God give us spiritual understanding and activity.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

For the practitioners of the Reading Rooms of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City.

NEW YORK CITY,
1908.

BELOVED TEACHER:

More than ten years ago you gave me Class instruction. The seed you then planted was *Good;* you have stimulated its growth with the water of Life; you have shed upon it the sunshine of love and wisdom; you have watched and protected it.

The time must come when this seed of your planting shall bear fruit.

Let the accompanying gold symbolize "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things [as yet] not seen." Heb. 11:1

In loyal, grateful acknowledgment of the blessed lessons you have so richly given,

Lovingly your student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

New York City,
December 15, 1908.

Never by type nor symbol can I express to you, beloved teacher, what I recognize in your priceless instruction, your ceaseless guard and vigil.

I know God speaks to you, for sound is mental impression and as you acknowledge but *one* Mind that Mind *impresses* you. When *you* speak, I hear God, for through your teaching and demonstration, I know there is but one Voice. I have continuously felt the sweet persuasive animus of this Voice and heard its clear trumpet tones of authority, as you have articulated the truth.

Your call, Come "Let us go into the house of the Lord" has brought the people to your church edifice until there is not room enough to receive them. In Ps. 122:1

your ardent desire to meet the human need, you have thought to provide a place for the overflow which should develop into a new branch church of The Mother Church in Boston. The edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, is a symbol of your conception of Church. You have learned, however, that you cannot bring forth another *symbol* but that you must reveal that which supersedes all symbols. Our Leader has bade you rise to the full demonstration of your membership in the structure of Truth and Love, the Church Triumphant, that needs no material symbol but exists in the spiritual affections of man.

Dear teacher, this gold is part of what I had given for the overflow, or new branch of The Mother Church, to help secure an option on a building lot which you had obtained. The treasurer has returned this money to me. I send it to you, and an equal quantity to the Maintenance Fund of our dear Church.

Always, dear teacher, your loyal, loving student,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BELOVED TEACHER:

In facing the problems of human existence which today are demanding demonstration, I feel that it will help me to think out some things in such definite terms
Po. 14 as that I can write down my thoughts. Then "Lest my footsteps stray," I am asking you to examine these written thoughts in the light of your fuller understanding and wider experience.

I have heard much in these few days of the *un*reality of human life and death, so-called. I know that there is but one Life and its life, or manifestation, or ideas. I also know that this Life can never cease nor become

its opposite; neither can its manifestation, or objectification become anything more, nor less, nor other than life.

Since dear B.'s recent experience in her struggle to demonstrate this fundamental statement, I have been aroused to a mental attitude in one or two of my patients of which I was not keenly aware.

There seems to be a subtle claim of mental laziness or self-righteousness, which is satisfied in dismissing the whole human problem by pronouncing it "unreal." True, it is unreal; but I find that the human mind presents many arguments for taking refuge in this negative declaration. It wants to shift the responsibility; it fears that by looking upon the problem or talking it over, it will become "real."

Another phase of this negative position is impatience with the human claim when manifesting *active* error, such as irritability, either mental or so-called physical. I find that a person who has not the divine love which enables one to meet with compassion this irritated condition, in a patient, will sometimes contemplate with equanimity the more stolid, inert conditions of mortal mind, such as apathy, self-complacency, ease in error, or even the silent claim of so-called death.

These conditions of mortal mentality being more subtle should arouse the greater spiritual resistance, in the alert student and practitioner. Moreover, the irritability, impatience, self-will, self-justification, egotism and vanity manifested by a patient are no more, no less phases of *error*, than are the more insidious, seemingly silent, unaggressive beliefs. The poor victim needs the pitiful patience, tender compassion and loving, untiring service of the practitioner in the overcoming

and final destruction of these disagreeable, aggressive qualities of mortal mind.

In examining my own thought in regard to our dear sister's conflict with the last enemy, I found a sense of gratitude to you, beloved, for your clear, courageous teaching.

In this teaching, I find a corrective for the mesmerism of human equivocating and for the magnetism of self-justification.

There has been among us, your trusted students and practitioners, a failure to demonstrate the pure metaphysics which you have never failed to give us.

Wherein this failure lies it must be the earnest endeavor of all of us, as individuals and as a body of students, to ascertain and overcome. I am praying to God—that is I am throwing upon the secret recesses of my own mentality the light of immortal Mind, to the end that the daily prayer enjoined by our
Man. 41 precious Leader may be realized: "'Thy kingdom come;' let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!" All sensuous thought and its effect or sin body must yield to righteousness so that the Word, the embodied truth, may appear, and claim loving recognition from all.

I feel that however our precious associate may have stumbled and fallen, it was while climbing the rugged way; her footsteps did not stray nor did she ever turn her face from the steep ascent, nor cease to listen for the voice. No doubt but that she has again obeyed the
Ezek. 2:1 command, "Son of man, stand upon thy feet," and is again pressing on to that realization where "boundless

thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory." S. & H. 323

I have heard it said "B. is now with her Leader." But how can failure bring her nearer except perhaps in the stern, yet loving rebuke which will arouse her to more faithful endeavor.

There is a world's difference between our Leader's experience and this failure in our midst to demonstrate Science.

Our Leader had carried her work up to the point of final combat with the foe of all mankind—mortal mind. She had taken the human footsteps leading to this stronghold of the enemy. The last trump, the "last call of wisdom" had sounded for her because she had "yielded to each lesser call in the growth of Christian character." S. & H. 291 This we, her followers and your students, cannot claim to have done; but we know that "When the last mortal fault is destroyed, then the final trump will sound which will end the battle of Truth with error and mortality; 'but of that day and hour, knoweth no man.'" S. & H. 292 If we are faithful in obeying "each lesser call in the growth of Christian character," as our Leader has done and as you are doing, we shall hear the "well done."

God give us wisdom, understanding, patience, meekness and spiritual might to go steadily forward in the line of light so as to hear from our all-conquering Leader, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy" Matt. 25:21 of absolute understanding and perfect reflection of that dominion which Life, Truth, Love holds over all.

Faithfully, loyally, lovingly your student,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

New York City,
November 18, 1915.

My Precious Teacher:

The inestimable privilege of being a member of your household is a constant joy and inspiration to me. I count it as my greatest and least deserved blessing. Surely in this instance I may exclaim with Paul, by grace we are saved! By no merit, by no "works" of mine have I entered into this ark of safety, this Home Sweet Home. It is my constant prayer to be a joy to you and, dear teacher, I *am* happy here, so content, so *at home*, that I sometimes dare to think that I may reflect to you some of my own sense of joyous freedom.

All these years, this blessed home has been a safe refuge. I do not know from how many temptations and sufferings I have been protected, I only know that I never come into its mellow beauty and deep toned harmony, that I do not feel refreshed and invigorated.

The financial return I make for the gracious hospitality so generously accorded me is but the tribute I lovingly bring to you.

When on my summer vacations, I go to be with one or another who lovingly opens the door of her home, I like to remember that I am still here under your protecting care, and so have never allowed my monthly payment to lapse. Last summer I was away two months and on my return was able to give you for the *one* month only, but I never permitted the thought to rest with me a moment that I could not soon make up the other month. Divine Love has found its avenue, as you know, and I am able to pay my little material debt. My debt of love and spiritual reflection can be paid only as idea dissolves all seeming belief and I can see you and you can see me face to face.

Beloved teacher, for this supreme moment of revelation we are working. We are looking for the ideal woman who "corresponds to Life and to Love." It cannot be long now. We are already enlightened by her halo. You are crowned by it. Now is eternity, there is no time—past, present, nor future, for "Eternity, not time, expresses the thought of Life, and time is no part of eternity."

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My gratitude to Leader and to teacher is unbounded. It must, yes, shall be demonstrated in a fruitful life.

Lovingly, faithfully your loyal student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
March 11, 1916.

BELOVED TEACHER:

As the divine plan of the universal Church unfolded its fair outlines to our great Leader's vision, she must have exclaimed with the prophet, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

Hag. 2:9

Our Leader knew that the foundation of the Temple of the Living God was laid in the fatherhood of God, as manifested by Christ Jesus—"other foundations can no man lay than that is laid."

I Cor. 3:11

Some seven years ago, Mrs. Eddy called for builders who should construct the walls of salvation upon this "wholly spiritual foundation." You, Beloved, who had built a model in human thought, responded to the call. You brought your trusted band of builders. You gave your precious model to be examined, tested and if need be torn to pieces, in order that it might be seen whether it conformed to the divine plan.

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In building the model, you were found faithful, and so have been made master builder over those who have

entered upon the work of revealing the structure of Truth and Love—that temple not made with human thought, eternal in the heavens.

We marvel at your quick detection of any error in our building. Oftentimes you hold the line and plummet by which we can see for ourselves how our wall leans out of the square. With some of us, you find that we are not using the right instrument or that our tools are dull and rusty. Again, it may be that the wrong material has been built in, or that the plan has not been carefully noted and followed. You are constantly reminding us that he that overcometh is made a pillar in the temple, and that every stone must be squared and polished before it can be set in its course.

Whenever, through lack of understanding, we fail to discern the "wholly spiritual" in Mind, we may turn to the model in human thought, and translate substance from matter to Mind, its original meaning. Just as in building the model, so now in the wholly spiritual, sacrifice of time, money, personal ease must be made to procure the costly materials and to fit each into the place indicated in the divine plan.

You have taught us by precept and unfailing example, that thought is substance; that it has form, outline, color; that in the proportion that our thought goes out and meets the demand so has it value in the eyes of the people. Dear teacher, we bring you this gold as an evidence that our thought has that much of value to the world. We have sent out this much of love, this much of what the world needs of infinite Mind, infinite Love, and the world has paid us back this equivalent. It is little, we know, when we consider how great is the need in the world for that which we have so abundantly received. We realize that as we grow strong in re-

flection and selfless love, men and women will come and lay their treasures at our feet, saying, "Sell us of your oil; give us the bread of life, the wine of Soul, the milk of the Word, the fruits of the Spirit. Feed us; clothe us; shelter us; teach us the way to live that we die not."

We have learned that money is the return of thought. It is the evidence of what we have sent out and of the value or substance of that thought in the eyes of those who receive it. As we rise, our thought has greater value and ministers to a higher, purer need. We put no trust in the money, but we put all trust in the Principle of our being. As we manifest Life, Truth, Love—eternal Principle—we give out what all are really looking for, and will pay for with all they have. The demand is beyond estimate, and the source from which we can supply the demand is infinite.

It is because we recognize the priceless value of your great work for us and for all, that we bring to you this gold. Were our work as selfless and beneficent as yours, we would, like you, be receiving the inflowing payment for benefits received, and would, in consequence, be able to bring to you a greater evidence of our fruitful labors. We ask you to take this our united love as from one little band of your army of builders. We have begun to build on the "wholly spiritual foundation" and rejoice in a growing understanding that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" My. 357

As the foundation is laid in the fatherhood of God, as revealed by Jesus Christ, so through your faithful teaching, we understand that the perfect edifice will be pinnacled in the motherhood of God, as revealed in our ever blessed Leader.

For this mighty reflection of divine Love we are actively waiting. Divine Love reflected in love, its

Acts 1:9 perfect idea, will dispel the "cloud" which "received him [the masculine idea of Christ] out of their sight" and then will the full compound man stand revealed as the temple of the living God.

For your ever increasing understanding which enables you to build—reveal in consciousness—this truth of being, this substance idea, we are grateful. We wish to build with you and to find ourselves living stones in the Church Triumphant, the structure of Truth and Love.

Lovingly, loyally your student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE,
and my students whom God has given me.

May 20, 1918.

BELOVED TEACHER:

It is recorded in the third chapter of Exodus that "Moses kept the flock . . . and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb."

You have led the flock to the "mountain of God." From this elevation we can look back over the road to be travelled by the material organization which is yet in bondage of servitude to the Pharaohs of our day.

Our great Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, spoke to you from the burning bush. She bade you take off your shoes, leave any material sense you might have, and My. 358 prove that "the enemy of good cannot separate you from your Leader and best earthly friend." You are come with your flock upon holy ground, the consciousness My. 357 where "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

The realization of your oneness with God constitutes Ex. your commission. "I AM THAT I AM," the eternal 3:14 Ego, crowns its idea with power, and you are conscious

of your spiritual individuality as one with God. This "exemplification of man's unity with God" is your part in the atonement, "*at-one-ment*," and we, the flock which you have led hitherto, rejoice in it. From this Horeb height we can see the journey we have taken; we can perceive and understand the relations things bear to each other as we could not do when we were winding up the narrow, rugged sheep path. S. & H. 18 S. & H. 19

My thought goes back to the time when the Leader called you to Pleasant View to do some special work. I recall the conversation you had with her, which you recounted when you returned home.

"Augusta," she said, "do not look for me in this," putting her hands on her knees, "I have risen!" "Then your resurrection is also my resurrection, is it not?" you replied. "Yes," she said, "it is."

This conversation occurred shortly before Mrs. Eddy placed all her property in the hands of three Trustees. To quote her own words, "I have so done that I may have more peace, and time for spiritual thought and the higher criticism." On page 192 of *Science and Health*, she says, "We are not Christian Scientists until we leave all for Christ." My. 136

Then followed in quick succession abandonment of Pleasant View, the disbanding of the Executive Members, the abolishing of the Communion in her Church, the closing of the Mother's Room.

Of these events Mrs. Eddy says:

> When I asked you to dispense with the Executive Members' meeting, the purpose of my request was sacred. It was to turn your sense of worship from the material to the spiritual, the personal to the impersonal, the denominational to the doctrinal, yea, from the human to the divine. My. 139

When abolishing the Communion in her Church Mrs. Eddy said in a letter addressed to Christian
My. 140 Scientists, "Relinquishing a material form of communion advances it spiritually. The material form is a 'Suffer it to be so now,' and is abandoned so soon as God's Way-shower, Christ, points the advanced step."

On closing the Mother's Room, these trenchant words appeared in the *Christian Science Sentinel* (vol. xi., p. 230) over Mrs. Eddy's signature, "There is nothing in this room now of any special interest. 'Let the dead bury their dead,' and the spiritual have all place and power."

A few months later, Mrs. Eddy sent this message to us:

My. 357 When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher, . . . they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other. . . .
Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*

Beloved teacher, I feel that these two messages, one in regard to the Mother's Room being closed and the other to her "dear brethren in New York," should be read in close connection. "There is nothing in this room now of any special interest. 'Let the dead bury their dead,' and the spiritual have all place and power." Beside this, place the message to her "dear brethren in New York," to "begin on a wholly spiritual foundation. . . . Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

The understanding of erection on a "wholly spiritual foundation," the understanding which would reveal
S. & H. 385 "The structure of Truth and Love," the Church Triumphant, this understanding our Leader perceived you possessed. This caused her to exclaim, during
Rem. 18 your last visit to her, "This is the happiest day of my

life on earth," and with that she ended with "God bless you, forever, and forever, and forever." Two of her household were present and heard this blessing.

From the moment of our response to "The Way of Wisdom," followed by your sending our so-called "Composite Letter" in which we clearly stated our perception of our Leader, of you, our teacher, and of each other as idea, from that moment, I firmly believe that Mrs. Eddy closed the material activities of her Church, The Mother Church in Boston, Mass. This is indicated in the following By-Law, Article XXIII, Section 10: "In Christian Science each branch church shall be distinctly democratic in its government, and no individual, and no other church shall interfere with its affairs." The directors have repeatedly transgressed this By-Law by interfering in the affairs of branch churches. My. 356 V. I. 134

Again, Article I, Section 3, requires "the consent of the Pastor Emeritus given in her own handwriting" before any incumbents can be re-elected or any new officers elected. Obedience to this By-Law would have arrested the functioning of the material organization in so far as the Church in Boston is concerned. This By-Law was utterly disregarded. The Church in Boston was kept open, offices were filled as soon as vacancies occurred and even vacancies were declared and filled without "the consent of the Pastor Emeritus given in her own handwriting."

Indeed, a few weeks after our Leader rose beyond the material vision, her name as Pastor Emeritus was removed from her Church Manual by the directors. This was a denial of her spiritual leadership and an outrage to the true members of her Church who continued to acknowledge that leadership and who declare that their Leader lives, as she always has lived, as

spiritual individuality, the ideal man or Christ, the compound manifestation of Father-Mother God.

By declaring that Mrs. Eddy is dead, the directors have repudiated her teachings and thereby excommunicated themselves from The Mother Church of Christian Science, which is built on the fundamental statement, man is immortal, for God, eternal Mind, is his Life. They have declared vacant the senior office of the Church, that of Pastor Emeritus. Article I, Section 1: "The Church officers shall consist of the Pastor Emeritus, a Board of Directors, a President, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and two Readers." The violation of this initial By-Law causes every subsequent act of the Board of Directors to be outside the canons of the Church of Christ, Scientist.

The true Church rose with the Leader above the comprehension of the materially minded. Nothing that the directors have put forth from that hour has anything to do with it. Therefore the evidence is that all letters and telegrams bearing date subsequent to February, 1909, having to do with church government or discipline and accredited to Mrs. Eddy, came from those who had charge of the material organization. Our Leader had called out from the material organization, those who were ready to follow her in spiritual unfoldment and you, our teacher, with some of your students, had arrived at the understanding that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*," and were not separated from our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

Any writings, however, of a doctrinal or metaphysical nature, I as surely ascribe to her authorship, for she says in her notice to the Executive Members that her object is to turn their sense of worship from "the denominational to the doctrinal." Your Leader knew

that you were equal to the test of the crucible, when she said, "This is the happiest day of my life on earth." She knew that you would pass unharmed through the flames of aroused evil. The fiery trial has not daunted you. In the face of every possible material evidence, you have stood the test of loyal allegiance to her as your spiritual Leader and Guide. Not having seen, still you have believed and so have been blessed above your brethren. The dross has yielded to the fire of divine Love and "even the gold of human character," is being "melted into the radiance of His likeness." S. & H 565 My. 194

"Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain." The "Awake and arise" came like the thunder of Sinai, to rouse and quicken you to greater, more selfless endeavor and delivered and continues to deliver you from dead encumbering members. Ps. 76:10 My. 359

"All things work together for good to them that love God," good. Rom. 8:28

In the eternal righteousness of this unchanging law, you, beloved, are redeemed and revealed to us, as a demonstrator of genuine Christian Science, as taught by our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and we are following and rejoicing as the way grows brighter "unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18

Loyally, faithfully, lovingly your student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
March 2, 1919.

DEARLY BELOVED TEACHER:

There has seemed to be no time to write. I cannot, however, miss entirely the opportunity to send you a few words expressive of my love and ever increasing gratitude.

Those who had eyes, spiritual understanding, saw that Mrs. Eddy was asking you to handle the belief of life in matter, which is material generation and so-called mortal existence. In this same letter to you, Mrs. Eddy expressed her confidence in your ability to do this, for she says: "You are aware that animal magnetism is the opposite of divine Science, and that this opponent is the means whereby the conflict against Truth is engendered and developed."

Mrs. Eddy had reached the point in her demonstration where, as the Revelator, she was mentally *conceiving* and bringing forth man and the universe as "wholly spiritual."

Having fully and finally taught the one Father and one Mother, as Principle, she must bring forth, in concrete being, the phenomenon, or image of this Principle, the ideal man reflecting Spirit. There is a *law* of procedure, an *order* in the *appearing* of the myriad ideas composing the eternal universe.

Beloved teacher, as metaphysicians, we look for the appearing of the new heaven and new earth in the activity of spiritual understanding and its phenomenon, a universe peopled with God's ideas, as perfect as their Principle, Life and Love.

In you, we, your students, find this understanding and its effects, which bring in the line of spiritual gener-
My. 357 ation—concepts built upon "a wholly spiritual foundation. . . . Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" We see in you the firstborn of the spiritual conception by our Leader. She has travailed to bring forth her ideal, which she has expounded in her great book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. You are the first to manifest the spiritual mental *power* and *presence* therein stated. You are coming forth "not in

embryo, but in maturity"; and will prove yourself to be heir of God and joint heir with Christ. S. & H. 583

Our Leader's great care has been to *deliver* you; to call you forth from the confinement of material conditions. She knew, that only through your *own* understanding could you come to birth, because the ideal man *is* spiritual understanding and presence.

She knew your consciousness was rock substance. She felt your thought and knew that it was truth. She recognized the granite structure of your church, as the evidence, the concrete expression of your thought and knew that it was the outward, visible sign, of the indestructible nature of your Christ consciousness embodied.

She wrote to you, "I leave my name with thine in unity and love." This solemn declaration formed the corner-stone of your church and proved it to be a wholly mental idea, spiritually conceived and brought forth. Rem. 529

When the pangs of her delivery were upon her, she called upon you and your students to begin "to build . . . on a wholly spiritual foundation." You and your Board of Trustees replied to this letter. It would be well for all calling themselves Christian Scientists, to read these letters as they appear in the subsequent issue of *The Christian Science Journal*, Vol. XXVI., pp. 696–7. They are printed on pages facing each other and are a startling evidence of your spiritual status.

Had the field of Christian Scientists developed spiritual sense, they would have seen, in this correspondence, that Mrs. Eddy's vision was revealing to her the dissolution of material organization and that she was calling you forth from the impending ruin. Those who did apprehend this formed the nucleus of spiritual building.

Your Leader knew that you would stand the acid test and would allow everything to dissolve that could not bear the purifying fires.

While the field was looking for Mrs. Eddy to defend you, if you were right; and concluding, because of her non-interference, that you must be wrong, the genuine Christian Scientist believed, yes, *understood*, that Mrs. Eddy was taking you out of material organization and giving you freedom to rise with her into "a wholly spiritual" consciousness.

The present condition of the so-called material world, including the material organization, made up of those still remaining on a material plane, or belief of life in matter and obeying the demands of this so-called mind, —those claiming to be followers of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, who are under the material law, which resists the law of Spirit or Christ and them that are Christ's; this condition, I say, evidences the sudden destruction of a claim to material life and material organization. They who have followed their Leader and built on a solid foundation have been themselves redeemed and are redeeming those who are prepared to receive Christ, in these latter days.

Already error is rushing on to self-destruction. *The world is saved.* We are revealing the new heaven and new earth. The corner-stone of the new creation is apparent. The understanding, which lays hold of the substance truth that man is idea is symbolized, yes, externalized in your granite church. This great rock, that shelters the seekers for Truth and spiritual substance idea, adjoins your house, and is indissolubly connected with it.

Mrs. Eddy's method of bringing you out from ecclesiastical government, that you might be free to

express what could never be expressed in any heretofore accepted model, or mode, was masterful and divinely inspired.

Condemned by the materially minded, you were free to tread alone the unsought way. She drew you to rise with her to spiritual altitudes, and the demonstration of love over hate.

It was imperative that the law of Love be demonstrated. The scientific statement of being must be proven to be the true conception of man and the universe: "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." S. & H. 468

You met your test, beloved. You are the *living* witness of the power of love over hate. You have not been separated from your Leader and Teacher, Mary Baker Eddy, but are following her closely and have demonstrated and preserved her teaching. You will continue to do so, until she manifests Christ, the compound idea, the image and likeness of the compound Principle, Life and Love. The world shall recognize that the government is upon the shoulder of Christ, who will reign forever and ever, "King of kings, and Lord of lords," with all the glory and majesty of eternal manhood and womanhood. I Tim. 6:15

In the locality that human sense calls New York City, our great Leader laid, with you, the corner-stone of all spiritual building in what she named, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City. It is the first branch of The Mother Church, the first shoot of the vine to appear, the first conception of Mother Love, which will bring to view, with all its fair outline, the whole structure of Truth and Love, the real universe or spiritual image, called by our Leader, generic Man.

Thus, this church of your building, beloved, signalizes

the firstborn branch of The Mother Church. It is for this reason that our Leader, in her great letter to you and your church, authorizes the enlarging of our phylacteries. We are building, in line with the corner-
My. 357 stone, "a wholly spiritual foundation."

May I recall to your thought, that the "phylacteries" were instituted by Moses and were worn in symbolic acknowledgment of the redemption of the firstborn of Truth and the destruction of the firstborn of error.

What a stupendous fact is unfolding to our spiritual vision! Here, in this, our own city, in our day, is the first chapter of Genesis being revealed as having been established from the beginning by the law of God. To Moses, the earth (compound spiritual idea) was without form and void. But the Spirit of God has moved on the waters of so-called mortal mind (recorded in the second chapter of Genesis):

S. & H. 503 Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, "God is All-in-all," and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe.

The darkness, chaos and old night of the Adamic record, upon which is founded scholastic theology, materia medica, natural science falsely so-called,—in one word, the lying *claim* of *material* generation, is
Gen. 1:3 fleeing before the command of God, "Let there be light." The radiant glory of the demonstration of the statement of man and the universe, as given in the sublime precession of seven days, is bringing to light the reality of all things.

Are not the Wisemen, the genuine Christian Scientists of today, joyously anticipating the Christ, or ideal
S. & H. 519 manifestation of God's "infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom"? No longer is Truth a cold

abstraction, a generalized statement. We feel the pulsating presence of the living God. Principle is demonstrated quite to the point of appearing. Our Leader is presenting her spiritual concept, embodied in her student, thus establishing spiritual generation "without beginning of years or end of days." Father-Mother, Life and Love, God, continues to manifest His infinite ideas, fulfilling the words of our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, "Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source."

S. & H. 333

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Thus the *spiritual generation* is forever established and materiality, false generation, is disappearing under the blaze of Truth and Love.

The "city [that] lieth foursquare" is here. It has no boundary, nor limit, because it is spiritual. In your teaching of Christian Science the four cardinal points of this spiritual consciousness are understood and are being demonstrated by you and your students.

Rev. 21:16

The stone of belief of life in matter has been rolled away. The stone, or Rock, Christ, is forever revealed. The words of Mary Baker Eddy, in 1894, are as follows:

LAUS DEO!

Written on laying the corner-stone of The Mother Church.

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Laus Deo, it is done!
Rolled away from loving heart
Is a stone.
Lifted higher, we depart,
Having one.

Laus Deo,—on this rock
(Heaven chiselled squarely good)
Stands His church,—
God is Love, and understood
By His flock.

Laus Deo, night star-lit
Slumbers not in God's embrace;
Be awake;
Like this stone, be in thy place:
Stand, not sit.

Grave, silent, steadfast stone,
Dirge and song and shoutings low
In thy heart
Dwell serene,—and sorrow? No,
It has none,
Laus Deo!

With loyal, deep affection, your student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 23, 1920.

MRS. AUGUSTA E. STETSON, C.S.D.,
PRINCIPAL OF THE NEW YORK CITY
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE INSTITUTE,
9 WEST 96TH STREET.

BELOVED TEACHER:

My. 357 When our Christ Leader exhorted her "dear brethren in New York" to "begin on a wholly spiritual foundation," you at once began to draw us more closely to the S. & H. 575 attaining of the ideal consciousness, which "represents the light and glory of divine Science."

Led by your ever sensitive response to our Leader's metaphysical teaching, you called upon your students to edify themselves in Christ and *so* build, reveal the Holy City.

Neh. 4 17, 18 As we stood at our work of building, "every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded."

As we builded, we began to sing. Each sang his own song to his own sense of time and pitch. There was naturally much confusion—"earth's sweet songs" and "pæans of praise" were broken in upon by the discords of mortal qualities. Rem. 529

But, Beloved, your quickened spiritual ear caught "Christ's music-tone," as it rose above the noise and din of personal sense. Quickly you ascended the platform, laid by the Master-builder, namely, "God is infinite, the only Life, substance, Spirit, or Soul, the only intelligence of the universe, including man." You raised the baton that the Leader had placed in your hand, "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*," and swung us into the rhythm of spiritual music. Chr. 47 S. & H. 330

The keynote of harmony was struck when our Leader said to you, "I leave my name with thine in unity and love." The corner-stone of all spiritual building, of the entire universe of Reality, was unveiled when our Leader wrote to First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, "The tender memorial engraven on your grand edifice stands for human self lost in divine light, melted into the radiance of His likeness. It stands for meekness and might, for Truth as attested by the Founder of your denomination and emblazoned on the fair escutcheon of your church." Rem. 529 My. 194

The "fair escutcheon" indicates the *spot*less character of your demonstration and exemplifies the words of our textbook, "the corner-stone of all spiritual building is purity." S. & H. 241

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, . . . the city of the great King." Your demonstration, Beloved, is its corner-stone, laid on the "wholly spiritual foundation"—the demonstration, by Ps. 48:2

Christ-Jesus-Mary, of the fatherhood and motherhood of God—Life and Love.

S. & H. 577 The city that lieth four *square* must be *circled.* "This spiritual, holy habitation has no boundary nor limit," but its four cardinal points must be understood and demonstrated. These essential points of spiritual consciousness are unfolding in divine order. This "city of the Spirit, fair, royal, and square" is rising on our spiritual horizon, and we are realizing ourselves to be "lively stones" in its structure. We are entering the encircling walls of salvation through the gates of praise. As our sense of substance ceases to involve error, we shall behold "Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy."

S. & H. 575

Isa. 65:18

At this revelation of the new heavens and new earth—the true creation, we, the morning stars in the firmament of understanding, sing together and as sons and daughters of God we shout for joy, "The night is departing; the Day is approaching."

We see in you, Beloved, the firstborn of Spirit, the appearing demonstration of the scientific statement that "man is not material; he is spiritual."

S. & H. 468

As you shed upon us the light of your on-coming glory, we are quickened to intelligently apprehend spiritual truth, and to reflect the radiance of Life and Love our primitive and ultimate source.

Each time we meet with you and are lifted into higher and clearer altitudes, by your mighty gentleness, the words of our great Leader are progressively fulfilled: "For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the

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accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain."

With John, we hear "the declaration from heaven, supreme harmony, that God, the divine Principle of harmony, is ever with men, and they are His people." S. & H. 573

You are teaching us this "supreme harmony." Under your conducting rod, we are learning, yea, we are *singing* the song of the redeemed, "His people."

Beloved teacher, your call, "Come, let us 'sing unto the Lord a new song,'" has brought into being The Oratorio Society of The New York City Christian Science Institute, an instrument which is sending through consciousness the pulsating chords of spiritual harmony.

Thirty-six members of your Oratorio Society whose names are herewith inscribed below, have brought forth a vignette of this spiritual instrument, which we hope and feel will be an inspiration and help to further musical development.

On April 29, 1920, we commissioned Miss Mary Pinney to select and buy a Steinway Grand Piano, and contributed the purchase sum of $1,925.00. This piano will be delivered tomorrow morning, at 9 West 96th Street, where all class work of our Oratorio Society will be conducted.

Faithfully, loyally, obediently, lovingly your students (for mine are thine, Beloved),

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

[Here followed the names of the thirty-six who contributed.]

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 28, 1920.

DEARLY BELOVED TEACHER:

Before leaving this dear "other home," I am writing you just a word of love and gratitude for what you have shown me of the true sense of Home.

Your demonstration, your *proof* that the further spiritual sense is developed the more substantial, the more beautiful becomes the evidence of the actuality of Mind's formations, is an encouragement to us all.

You are showing, in ever increasing evidence, that Love is creative; that Wisdom is mighty; that Mind is Substance.

We are waiting for the Mind of Christ by which we can see, visualize Christ, the Head, and in orderly succession, the body or universe, the full manifestation of Mind.

We know that the government of the body is now, to us, visibly upon the *shoulder* of Christ. The individual members of God's Christ, or manifestation, are becoming distinctly identified to those to whom Mind has spoken the sweet secret of its own law and order.

S. & H. 254 Spirit "determines the outward and actual." There is no doubt that the symbol on your house has appeared in accordance with this law. Spiritual government has been laid on you as the *shoulder* of the body. Dearly Beloved, His burden is light, so you need not shrink from hearing this statement. I am aware that you know your position and that you are not unmindful of your office. I desire to assure you of my recognition of "Government House" and of the instant obedience to the inscription upon it that God requires from every one who is found within its walls. One God, One Law, Divine Democracy, Universal Brotherhood; the understanding and fulfillment of this is *demanded* of your household. Wherever we are, we are representatives of that spiritual government, are delegates of that spiritual administration.

I love to recognize you, dearest, as empowered by the Head to execute the divine, the spiritual and only law.

By spiritual ascension we will inaugurate "the days and seasons of Mind's creation." We are breaking away from the self-imposed limitations of time and place; thus proving that, "The periods of spiritual ascension are the days and seasons of Mind's creation, in which beauty, sublimity, purity, and holiness—yea, the divine nature—appear in man and the universe never to disappear." S. & H. 509

My every thought, energy, and desire must and shall come into absolute obedience to the Mind of Christ; in this way I shall obey the Head and help to prove to be light the burden of spiritual government that is upon the Shoulder.

It has been such a delight to read the selections this month. They glow with the light of advancing understanding.

Do you know, dear teacher, it is a joy to do it because *you asked it of us*, or because you, as the field marshall, commanded it to be done. I love to obey. We *all* do, I *know*.

I am coming "home" today, arrive tonight. I have not written you of my intention of coming today, thinking it better not to alter any arrangements which you may have made for Sunday.

My visit has come to a logical conclusion. It has been a blessed one but it seems time to come home now. I have yet a few days to give to Mrs. —— next week and then the steady pull for the year will begin.

S—— and M—— join me in love unmeasured to you, dearest teacher.

Faithfully your student and child,

SIBYL.

BASKET FIVE

Letters 1906–1910

NEW YORK CITY,
March 4, 1906.

EDITOR,
The York Gazette.

DEAR SIR:

In the York Gazette of Tuesday, January 15th, appeared a summary of a paper entitled, "Christian Science as a Fallacy." This paper was read by Dr. Everett, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, before the regular meeting of the York Ministerial Society, at the Young Men's Christian Association.

It is a credit to the judgment of Dr. Everett that he thus characterizes the opinion he has formed of Christian Science, for the impression he has received is decidedly a "fallacy" and we are glad that such an opinion, such an impression, such a conception of Christian Science should be emphatically, unequivocally denounced. But lest this "fallacy" should, by some innocent, well meaning seeker after Truth, be confounded with Christian Science, I beg the privilege of calling Dr. Everett's attention from opinion to fact, from false impression to true understanding.

Dr. Everett declares that Christian Science is "deceptive in its reasoning."

In the textbook of Christian Science, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy,

we read: "Temporal life is a false sense of existence." S. & H. 122
"Health is not a condition of matter, but of Mind; nor S. & H. 120
can the material senses bear reliable testimony on the subject of health." "Lurking error, lust, envy, revenge, malice, or hate will perpetuate or even create S. & H. 419
the belief in disease."

It is a fact already acknowledged by many physicians that such mental conditions as fear, anxiety, anger, jealousy, envy have been directly instrumental in producing both acute and chronic, both functional and organic disease. The physical body, in other words, but records mental conditions.

Again Mrs. Eddy says: "It is evident that the body S. & H. 214
as matter has no sensation of its own, and there is no oblivion for Soul and its faculties." This no thinking person will deny. Under great excitement one can receive a severe bodily injury and not be aware of it until the excited condition of thought be changed. To quote Mrs. Eddy: "We say man suffers from the effects S. & H. 184
of cold, heat, fatigue. This is human belief, not the truth of being, for matter cannot suffer. Mortal mind alone suffers,—not because a law of matter has been transgressed, but because a law of this so-called mind has been disobeyed."

What is this mortal mind? In *Science and Health* we read: "The expression *mortal mind* is really a sole- S. & H. 210
cism, for Mind is immortal, and Truth pierces the error of mortality as a sunbeam penetrates the cloud. Because, in obedience to the immutable law of Spirit, this so-called mind is self-destructive, I name it mortal."

So mortal mind is a falsity and matter is but a statement, a phenomenon of this falsity, hence it is in itself a falsity. Is this reasoning fallacious?

Again Dr. Everett says: "Christian Science is spurious in its claims."

We reply, Christian Science claims to be Christian for it acknowledges Christ as the son of God, as the Saviour. It recognizes the Christ-given authority and power to heal the sick and the sinning; and its followers claim all the rights and prerogatives bestowed on the followers of the Christ to all generations.

Christian Science claims to be scientific, for its whole system of reasoning is based on God as the Principle of being, and recognizes as true only such phenomena as can logically proceed from a perfect Principle, God or Good. Christian Science makes good these claims by demonstrating the power of this process of reasoning. It claims results in numerous well authenticated cases of the healing of the sick and the reforming of the sinner.

Dr. Everett says: "Christian Science is replete with illusion and delusion."

The *Standard Dictionary* says of these two words: "An illusion may be wholly of the senses; a delusion always involves some mental error." Now the physical senses cannot be relied upon to give true testimony as to scientific facts. They are subject to illusion, or the condition of seeing "either what does not exist or what exists otherwise than as one sees it."

Many instances of the unreliability of the physical senses can be cited: the apparent uniting in the distance of two parallel lines as in the railroad track; sky and land seem to meet on the horizon; extreme cold excites the same sensation as does great heat; the ear is very easily deceived as to location of sound; taste is to a great extent a cultivated sense and contradicts itself.

Christian Scientists seek to have that Mind "which

was also in Christ Jesus," and surely that Mind is not subject to delusions, for it, now as then, brings forth the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness. Phil. 2:5

Again quoting from Dr. Everett: "Christian Science is not Christian."

Let Dr. Everett visit a representative Christian Science service; let him leave behind him all prejudice and let him look into the attentive, joyous, alert faces of the audience. Let him listen to the quiet, assured delivery of God's word, the unemotional but reverent application of this Word to present human need by the reading of Mrs. Eddy's profound exposition of the inspired Scripture. Let him tarry after the service and receive the cordial, kindly greeting which betokens a genuine love of one's brother man. Let him listen to the interchange of congratulation on the victories of the week over sin, sorrow, estrangement, sickness, bad temper. Are not these evidences of the Christianity of Christian Science?

Again quoting from Dr. Everett: "Christian Science is not good sense."

Who shall decide as to whether Christian Science is good sense or not good sense? By what standard shall it be judged? Good sense is sound judgment. We may then accept the testimony of those who have sound judgment as to the good sense of Christian Science. Men and women eminent in every legitimate and reputable vocation in human affairs have testified and continue to testify to the physical, mental and moral benefit they have received through the ministrations of Christian Science. Certainly then, by "their fruits ye shall know them," and their fruits bespeak sound judgment, in other words, good sense. Matt. 7:20

Again quoting from Dr. Everett: "Its sole dominating power, as a cult, is a Boston woman named Eddy, who rises up to say: 'I stand in relation to this century as a discoverer, a founder and a leader.'"

Christian Science acknowledges one power, but that Power is God, not man—or woman. Christian Scientists are monotheists in the strictest possible meaning of the word. Mrs. Eddy says: "Are we irreverent towards sin, or imputing too much power to God, when we ascribe to Him almighty Life and Love? I deny His coöperation with evil, because I desire to have no faith in evil or in any power but God, good."

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Surely Mrs. Eddy follows the teaching of the Bible when she says: "Its only priest is the spiritualized man." The Revelator declares that Christ "hath made us kings and priests unto God."

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Rev. 1:6

Dr. Everett says: "This [Mrs. Eddy's] claim to being a discoverer is equal to saying that Christ so successfully concealed the truth that it required nineteen hundred years to produce somebody with sufficient intellectual power to dig into his teachings and fish out what he did mean."

Jesus strove to make clear to his disciples the animus of his doctrine. But he had to awaken in them the ability to grasp the deep spiritual import of his words. They were constantly asking for an explanation of what he said, which shows how far above their comprehension was his plane of thought. But he had sublime confidence in the inherent life of the Truth he taught, for he declared, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Matt. 24:35

The early church retained much of the primitive purity of Jesus' teaching. Mrs. Eddy says: "The proofs of Truth, Life, and Love, which Jesus gave by

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casting out error and healing the sick, completed his earthly mission; but in the Christian Church this demonstration of healing was early lost, about three centuries after the crucifixion."

Dr. Everett will recall that at about that time, Constantine imposed the Christian religion on a pagan world. Society was in a most deplorable condition of depraved morals. The struggling Church could not maintain the spotless purity and power of her theology under the abnormal inflation of her ranks. Greed, worldly ambition and personal power "concealed" the truth; but the Day of Pentecost is again "fully come" and the spirit of Truth has spoken to Mrs. Eddy of the hidden things of God. In this sense Mrs. Eddy is a discoverer.

No unprejudiced person can give her book a fair reading without discerning the fact that she is a leader of thought. She has anticipated the statements of many of the world's great men and women in lines of thought that are purely scientific. Her scientific statement of being is becoming more and more generally accepted.

The classing by Dr. Everett of Eddyism, Dowieism, and Schlaterism is perhaps natural. We may infer by his term, Eddyism, that he refers to the afore-mentioned "fallacy." If, however, he would allude to Christian Science, we would say that things are not united by what they do not embrace, so much as by what they *do* embrace.

Christian Science does not use materia medica. Its basis is not a negation but an affirmative declaration: "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." This basic declaration differentiates Christian Science from Dowieism and all other isms. S. & H. 468

As to Dr. Everett's rather flippant remarks about Timothy and wine, it might be well to remember that Paul warns Timothy with these words: "Let no man despise thy youth." Timothy was in a distant land, far from his teacher, and may not Paul have made this little concession to allay Timothy's fear of being left without any material remedy? He was young in the Science of Christianity.

I Tim. 4:12

To notice all of Dr. Everett's objections to the "fallacy" would take more time and space than we are perhaps willing to give to a "fallacy." It is only because this denunciation might be thought to relate to Christian Science that this valuable space in your paper is asked.

Therefore, we will not stay to discuss what Dr. Everett designates as the hygienic laws of Moses, (which by the way, were all transgressed by Jesus, who retained only the moral decalogue). We will only beg of Dr. Everett, for his own sake and that of his public, that he should make himself familiar with the textbook of Christian Science before he attempts to defend (?) it by exploiting a fallacy which sometimes is mistaken for it.

He will thus learn that passages of Scripture are not mutilated, that Christian Science is not occultism; nor do Christian Scientists use will-power, or trade on the credulity or ignorance of the public. Many devout people of Dr. Everett's own church will hardly sustain him in the assertion that "no power of prayer ever set a broken limb . . . or cured a case of scrofula." Jesus put absolutely no limits to the power of prayer. All that is necessary is to know the power of prayer. Mrs. Eddy knows this power and her followers know it.

Mrs. Eddy thus defines prayer: "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God,—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love." S. & H. 1

Sincerely yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

June 11, 1907.

DEAR ——:

Yes, the violets and the lilies arrived in excellent condition.

Just let your light shine out as it will. Do not *treat* Mrs. B—— "personally" or "impersonally"; just take care of your *own* consciousness; keep that pure and radiant. As your Christ rises in your understanding it will uncover the claim of personal sense—the serpent. To destroy this as it comes to the surface is all you can do. The first and last thing we have to learn in Christian Science is to mind our own business. It does not hurt anyone to suffer, it is the best thing that can happen to one, for it drives one to God. Our object is not so much to relieve suffering as to destroy *sin*, and that we can do *only* by becoming pure avenues for God's light. God will give you wisdom and love. Keep close to the Father-Mother God.

Love is with you.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 15, 1907.

MY DEAR ——:

Christ "is the saviour of the body" and "the head of the church." In the treatment which I have just Eph. 5:23

given you I realized that we are all made "kings and priests unto God." The anointing to this office which *you have received*, for you are a child of the one King of kings, never is abrogated. The precious oil of consecration, of gladness and of joy has been poured upon your head. And as in the case of Aaron this consecrating oil is "upon the head" and will run down even to "the skirts of his [your] garments," will leave no part of you unredeemed.

Rev. 1:6

Ps. 133:2

I shall work with you to help you to spiritualize thought. Have *no* fear. Love reigns in your consciousness. You will receive a letter from me, or rather a few lines, two or three times during the week.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 25, 1907.

MY DEAR——:

Your letter should have been acknowledged yesterday but my day was very full. How *full* one's *day*, one's *life* is you will soon appreciate. Full of joy and peace *undreamed* of, for they do not belong to the *dream*, but to the *awakened* consciousness of man's real spiritual estate.

Dear child, you do not *have* to keep that pain. It does not belong to *your* real spiritual estate but to the *dream*, to a false sense, to a condition of ignorance of *Good*,—God. *Rebel* against it. Turn to God "with all your heart." Error has no power to hold you, nor to deceive you. "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power

Deut. 13:3

S. & H. 393

divinely bestowed on man." Study page 393 of *Science and Health*. It is full of meat.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
November 19, 1907.

MY DEAR ——:

S—— was in yesterday and gave me the last news of you. I feel you are standing firmly and growing steadily. By faithful study of the lesson each day; by following exactly what it teaches and keeping your mind filled with Truth and Love you will have every question answered. I believe absolutely that the lesson for each week meets *fully* the demands of that week. Keep close to God. Go to *Him* for advice. Form the habit of consulting your Father-Mother-God and you will find your questions will be answered. Look for the Christ *always*, but do not be deceived by mortal mind and its images. Have implicit faith in Good but ask for wisdom by which to know, to discern that Good. Have no fear for Love is ever-present. The lesson this week tells you how to work. I know God is teaching you and that you will be led to the Truth *ever*. When you come on I want a good talk with you.

Always faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

MY DEAR MR. ——:

Your very good letter gave me joy for I see evidence of progress in the overcoming of false self.

Let us consider what we, as Christian Scientists, understand "self" to be. According to the *Standard*

Dictionary: "self—an individual known and considered as the subject of his own states of consciousness." Now, if God be the only Consciousness and He is Love, is Life, is Good, is Infinity and Eternity then *consciousness* must be harmonious, active and love-like. If you are "an individual known or considered as the subject of your own states of consciousness" you can see the work before you. Acknowledge no Consciousness but Good and consequently *deny* all *claim* to any other consciousness. You will thus destroy *false* self or the *false* claim of a *personality* "known or considered as the subject of his own [false] states of [so-called] consciousness." You will rise above this false claim by denying it any means of expression through you either by your voicing it, believing it or even knowing it as real. Fill your thought with the attributes of God,—strength, joy, meekness, gentleness, patience, justice, mercy, goodness, peace and so on ad infinitum, and you will find that the false sense of self is destroyed and you will *prove* that there is no selfhood apart from God and that you *are* an individual known and considered as the subject of your own state of Consciousness—God.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 19, 1908.

MY DEAR ——:

Your very good letter gave me real pleasure for it showed me the dawning in your thought of the understanding which will grow "unto the perfect day." I am glad you met Mrs. N—— and that you recognized the same teaching. Yes, dear, the Christ Truth is free from all human opinions but at this present stage of our

Prov. 4:18

apprehension of this impersonal Truth there are some who are clearer, purer avenues than others. Keep close to your books, commune constantly with God, deny—destroy—error, resist the arguments of personal sense, arm yourself with the panoply of Love and you *can* then benefit by the experiences of others who have entered the "sweet secret of the narrow way." Po. 4

Next Communion Sunday, I hope you will be with us. I know there is but one Mind and *you* know this but it needs must be *proved*. Your friends Mr. and Mrs. C——joined the Church, perhaps you know. So you see you have already bonds among us. Our next Communion is in July, God governs your whereabouts. Is it not good to know and trust this?

Advance, rather than lower your standard! Sometimes an experience such as you have had in that little church forces us to look more earnestly for the perfection that is to be found only in the spiritual concept; whereas if our human concept satisfies, we may be deceived into resting *in that* and so be delayed in our pursuit of the ideal.

Be faithful, dear child, in your reading and study of the lesson and live, demonstrate, apply, *prove* all you can, and when you need help, come and God will help you through me whenever I am the natural avenue.

I shall send this letter to the address given in your letter for I feel had you returned you would have "reported" here.

God, Good, is your *very* present help, call on Him. Error has no power. You are *not* in matter but are spiritual consciousness and nothing can rob you of your harmony and peace.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 19, 1908.

MY DEAR ——:

Mrs. S——'s letter was mislaid so that it escaped my notice for a week's time. I have written her and have begun treatment. I had suspended work for her but now am declaring the Truth and denying error for her.

The lesson this week is most wonderful in its structure, development and teaching. It seems to me that our Leader has kept us with her "three days" and that we are now on the third day of the ascending thought. Study the chapter on Genesis. She is asking the shepherds "How many loaves have ye?"—how much understanding have you? She breaks—explains and multiplies the substance of our thought; the inspiration of the Word then strengthens us to return to our problem, our consciousness, and work out of it into the higher plane again through our own demonstration. Science and Health then shows us *how* to do this—by *knowing* that *Spirit* is the only substance and by denying every sense testimony. So through each section of the lesson we are carried out of matter to the "everlasting victory."

These days are rich in experience and in realization. I feel sure you are growing stronger each day and each day realizing the powerlessness of error to hold you in belief.

Dear love to yourself and the children.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
April 9, 1908.

DEAR ——:

S—— has just given me a little peep at your letter. You may rejoice and be glad that Wisdom has taught

you to lead the children to do their own work and to look to *Good* as the *only* Real. Purify your own consciousness so that as those dear children nestle in your thought they may breathe an atmosphere of purity, health, strength, peace, assurance and joy; an atmosphere untainted by fear or uncertainty, doubt or confusion, in a word an "atmosphere of Love divine." This consciousness is a "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Nothing can enter that consciousness, your consciousness, the consciousness where *God* reigns, nothing can enter it that worketh or maketh a lie. Heb. 11:10

You are standing clearly and steadily I know, and I *know* that evil, by whatever name or by whatever avenue it may seek or seem to find entrance, is *powerless* for it is not of God. Therefore it cannot *be.*

Love gives you *all* realization and power.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
May 10, 1908.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was handed me after the morning service. I was glad to hear from you. You are experiencing chemicalization. The heavens and earth must pass away, but we must keep in the spiritual thought that we may behold the new heavens and the new earth. As a man *thinketh* so is he. Think the substance thought and you will manifest a substance body. The body is *effect*, we have nothing to do with *effect;* we live in *Cause*, in Spirit, which is ever *producing*, ever active; the consciousness of this is eternal life. Do not watch the body but lift thought constantly to the renewing Mind, which

expresses itself in an ever *new* embodiment. Ther
no limit to your strength. Reverse the dictum of Ad
and refuse to leave your Father-Mother and do
cleave unto flesh, false sense, subdivision of mortal mi

There is no power calling itself mesmerism to h
you in the so-called material laws. You are spirit
and you can *know* it and bring out the manifestatio
better health and morals.

Things are going well here. I think it is the best th
possible for your mother to be situated as she is for j
now. Your father is growing purer and sweeter an
think they are looking for and beginning to see the Ch
in each other. I am working for them both and they cc
as little children to be taught. So do not worry, dear, t
are being chastened and molded into the divine ima
It is only the stripping away of props and material a
that will force us to lean on spiritual understanding

We must pour out enough love into human conscic
ness to bring out warm, bright, cheery weather. As
love understandingly we will antidote, destroy,
cruelty, hardness, greed, jealousy and general malprac
which manifests itself in general conditions of clima
business, health and conduct. We are engaged i
glorious warfare and victory is sure for it has alre
been given us.

Love to you both and write again soon.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE

NEW YORK CITY,
June 17, 190

DEAR ——:

Your two letters have been very welcome. I
there is a true ring in them. God is supply because

is the Principle of all that exists, therefore you do find your every need met when you turn entirely to that one Mind.

My heart is filled with gratitude and I *know* that the abundance of truth and peace is made clear to all who love Good. Let this divine consciousness flow through you and let its beneficent influence heal and strengthen you. *Live* in its atmosphere. Feed on its substance. It is your life. You must trust it lovingly, tenderly, meekly but also strongly. Never deny its presence nor its power *in you* and in those around you. Refuse to give any presence to the *belief* of fear or resentment. Even to name them without at once denying their reality is to be disloyal.

God is blessing you all richly.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 26, 1908.

DEAR ——:

Your little note lies before me and demands an answer. Do not be distressed about the apparent lack of demonstration. We find in this week's lesson that the preparation of the heart and the *answer* of the tongue are from the Lord. The Word has gone forth, Seek thou my face; and the response will come in demonstration, Thy face Lord will I seek. Have no fear, the demonstration will be made.

As to Communion, we are taught by The Mother Church holding no formal, stated communion that we are to spiritually commune hourly and continuously and that place and time and corporeality are *nothing* in the

higher spiritual understanding. So, dear, put the problem into Principle, realize that your church is your true consciousness and your true consciousness is your church. Then you will be in the right place and whatever Mind outlines, that will be the phenomenon.

These are blessed times and God is teaching many things and drawing us close to *Him*—Principle.

Work with God and next week I shall give you another little lift. Love is with you and yours.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 1, 1908.

DEAR ——:

Love is very good to you in opening the door of our teacher's Association to you. I am *knowing* that there is one Mind and one Heart—the great Heart of Christ. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Do not let any error keep you from this great means of strength and understanding. You, I feel, are ready for it, and our great teacher has called you and you *can* respond. I am, dear, declaring the absolute for you. It must be your own demonstration and God will tell you the Way.

You know it is an all day meeting; beginning at nine o'clock on Thursday morning. You could perhaps get here for Wednesday evening. Now, dear, God is with you and makes all good possible. Love is omnipotent. This we know.

Give my love to the children and cordial greetings to your husband whom I hope soon to know.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 10, 1908.

DEAR ——:

This is the first moment since receiving your letter that I have had to reply to it. These are busy days. Look to God, dear. Believe nothing against God's representative here or elsewhere. Take that article in the Sentinel, read it carefully and then see wherein it agrees with what you have been taught. Your teaching is Christian Science. You know error is not power. You know that the "earth is the *Lord's*, and the *fullness* thereof." "Thy silver and thy gold is mine," saith the Lord. We know that thought produces abundantly "after its kind," if it is a rich, beautiful, harmonious thought, its expression or image will be in its likeness. You know that the "*meek* shall inherit the earth." Meekness consists in moral might and in the knowledge of the nothingness of matter and consequent abnegation of self or finite person.

Ps. 24:1
I Kn. 20:3
Ps. 37:11

We must and do love our publications and those who work on them. Suggestions and arguments that less exposed workers do not hear come to those who occupy important positions. We must know that there is no voice of error to whisper to our editors any lying arguments about the noble teacher in this field.

Now give error no power. God *is* All and evil is nothing.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 14, 1908.

DEAR ——:

It was good to hear from the Island. There was a ring in your mother's letter, a note of spiritual strength

which rises superior to the seeming conditions. Remember, dearie, that not *one* discordant note ever troubled the perfect harmony of the Real. Spiritual sense cannot detect one false chord in the grand symphony of Mind. God is infinite presence, the Universe is His body; He is the only Person; His Person is called Man, or Christ, or the Universe. You are a member of this one Person. But this Person is spiritual not material; this Person reveals the Mind which is Life, is Love, is Truth, is Good. There is perfect rapport between Soul and Body, between God and Man, between Mind and Idea. The full acceptance of this
S. & H. 90 in the thought "shuts the door on death, and opens it wide towards immortality."

God cares for His Body; feeds it, clothes it, infolds it. There is no lack of anything, for Mind, thought, evolves things in abundance forever and forever. Now wake up from a dream you never dreamed. You *have* strength unlimited, love unbounded, shedding its radiance everywhere; you have life immortal; you have understanding and power with God. Make up your mind to know no other God than Good, to witness to no other presence. *Christ* is the *only* begotten of the Father; there is no other, no bastard son, no usurper, no accuser. Your Father-Mother is my Father-Mother, and we are all knit together in One. There is no law but the one Law, therefore there can be no mesmerism, no hypnotism, no mental malpractice, no witchcraft, no priestcraft.

There is one Mind and this *One* infinite, therefore there can be no ignorance, no superstition, no argument, no discord.

S. & H. 259 "God, Spirit, works spiritually, not materially." God works *ever;* He is working *now* through and in

and by you and every one else and every thing else. He is governing His Body. There is no resistance to this government, "no inaction, diseased action, overaction, nor reaction." God controls *Himself*, that's all there is to it. S. & H. 428

Faithfully and lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
April 12, 1909.

DEAR ——:

Yesterday and Saturday were such full days that I could not get near the teacher to talk with her and I felt I wanted to do so before writing you. However, Principle will guide and I shall write to you today as I best can.

Thus far before the Rooms opened this morning, Monday. It is now two o'clock and I have had your letter which pleased me by its brave, real ring.

You were receiving your lessons on the exposure of animal magnetism as a false claim, while the rest of the class were also. You have seen it to be a false claim to power and you know that only as Love is proved to be the only Power are we found in possession of power. You must *know* that you are inseparable from Good, from Principle and from the demonstration or manifestation of Principle, therefore you are united indissolubly to your teacher and to your Leader for they are the demonstration of Truth. Time and space are nothing but states of consciousness and you know that these are states of ignorant belief which are melting out before the understanding of Good.

This week's lesson shows so clearly that each one of us must make his and her at-one-ment with Principle and *let* others make theirs.

We *know* evil has *no* power and its threats and seeming discords are nothing before the Word, the real presence —Man. L——'s letter is dear and I shall answer it as soon as possible. Whatever your problem seems to be, God will give you wisdom; and Love will solve it. Handle impersonal evil, destroy sin in yourself and love, love, love and love. Cut yourself off from any claim to malpractice by *knowing* there isn't any, and lifting yourself high into the atmosphere of pure spiritual Truth where *every* one is God's idea. I shall send you all the love I know how to reflect. You are growing in understanding, in working for L——.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
May, 1909.

DEAR ——:

This morning as I look out on this fog and mist, the words of the dear Leader's hymn come to me with new meaning:

Po. 29

Blest Christmas morn, though murky clouds
Pursue thy way,
Thy light was born where storm enshrouds
Nor dawn nor day!

The forever Christ is dispelling the mist that went up from the earth, from nowhere, and was nothing but a belief, with no believer. The sunshine of Truth is ever shining and ever imparting its own qualities of Life and Love.

I am knowing that Wisdom must guide you every step of the way for your Principle is the only force by which you can be influenced. Mind is building you anew every moment and in this Mind there is no element out of which to construct discordant conditions. I shall send you a strong thought, morning and evening. Love watches over you and you have nothing to fear, for this Love is vigilant, ever-present Intelligence.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL HUSE.

July 20, 1909.

DEAR ——:

You have been in my thoughts many times, when it was not possible to write. As you know I am very much occupied when in the Rooms, and when not, I had not the conveniences for writing. I think it would be well for me to tell you what line of thought I took up in treating you this last time. On reading the telegram I at once declared that there were no accidents in Mind. That there was only *one* Consciousness, only one *plane*, consequently you could not *fall* from the mental height or the level to which you had attained. There is but *one* atmosphere, infinite Love, embracing all, therefore there were no currents of *fear* which could throw you down in their fury. Your *understanding* is a unit and at one with infinite Wisdom, hence could not be divided into two, one twisted or distorted and the other claiming to be sound. There is no mortal mind to believe any discordant conditions; no mental malpractice to argue or suggest error of any kind. There is no mortal thought-force, no human energy, no stubborn will, no matter. God is All, constitutes all, and God is Love, Life, Truth. *Keep* in the one consciousness. Deny

all suggestions of animal magnetism or mesmerism being anything, anywhere. Error has no avenue, no language, no believer, no exponent, no demonstrator,
S. & H. 71 no origin—is nothing; is "neither person, place, nor thing, but is simply a belief, an illusion of material sense."

Love *divine* is the only creative energy; the only thought-force is Spirit, and its *expression* can only be spiritual.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 21, 1909.

DEAR ——:

Your little letter brought just the word that I felt sure would come. When we *lovingly* stand for Principle —and we can stand for Principle *only* lovingly—we have the return of love. It is only when we compromise and hesitate or take a position in hard human will that we bring upon the Cause criticism and calumny. Because we do not see a point clearly ourselves, we get into a place from which we must struggle to extricate ourselves. Again, we must not dishonor those we love by imputing to them less noble motives or desires than we have ourselves. Sometimes, too, we must be cruel to be kind and remember always that to be loyal to the highest we know is to be loyal to our friends.

The service was a foretaste of heaven where *God's* will is done and this will be perceived right here when
John 1:13 human energy or the "will of the flesh" ceases to be operative. Be sure that you deny constantly the claim to any creative, propelling, operating will other than God, Spirit, Good, Love, Life. Keep in the one Mind, put everyone in this Mind, listen for this Mind every-

where, all the time. Deny the power of error to hide from you God's Idea.

My love to Mrs. B——.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
August 15, 1909.

DEAR——:

Your letter has the true ring. You met the wave of fear and the argument of doubt and won the victory.

Yes, dear, this is a call to come up higher. It is a call to *all*, but only those who *hear* the call answer; and *they* answer with rejoicing. The Christian Science movement is fundamentally perpendicular to any other. Organization is necessary only to guide and steady the journey from sense to Soul. As soon as a point has been gained, in consciousness, the material scaffolding must be removed. Mrs. Eddy, from the high mount of spiritual observation is, of course, the one who can see when this point is attained. Then at once she gives the word and the encumbering material organization, or environment, is removed and the light of spiritual power is allowed to radiate. The moment the child is strong enough, the swaddling clothes are removed. Read the opening sentence of the chapter entitled "Creation" in Science and Health. When you come home I will show you the footsteps by which our dear church has always gone and how it has always had the lamb "without blemish" to offer when the call came to sacrifice. Be steady, dear one, trust God, follow your Leader, and you will then always find yourself in the loyal ranks of First Church of Christ, Scientist. Mrs. Stetson is rejoicing in this added opportunity to leave all for Christ.

Ex. 12:5

All the practitioners have found their new offices. We were all out of the old within twenty-four hours of the receipt of the By-Law.

I have a beautiful room and all is running harmoniously.

This lesson on Mind holds treasures beyond estimate. You will find them and guard them and reveal their rich hues to others as you enter into the consciousness spoken of in Isaiah:

Isa. 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 19, 1909.

DEAR ——:

Your telegram reached me and I at once gave you treatment. You must know that God is your Source of S. & H. 468 Being, your Life; God is Mind, and "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." S. & H. 261 Learn to know yourself spiritually. "Look away from the body into Truth and Love, the Principle of all happiness, harmony, and immortality." Mind is the source of all action. Give error no presence, no power. Take your stand and refuse to make error real by manifestation of it by look, word or deed. God gives you the power and understanding by which you can reject the false arguments of personal sense. You can *prove* nerve to be a false witness. You can silence error with the voice of Truth; you can destroy the false evidence of personal sense by the scientific statement

of being. But remember you cannot lend yourself to mortal mind; you cannot let it use your tongue, your eyes, your hands to gratify some carnal thought or desire and then not expect to suffer. "If we look to the body for pleasure, we find pain; for Life, we find death; for Truth, we find error; for Spirit, we find its opposite, matter." This is the result every time without *exception*. This does not mean that we are to live an ascetic life of seclusion and deprivation. Far from it. But if we rise above the lying suggestions of carnal sense we shall find that at His "right hand there are *pleasures* for evermore," i.e., if we will exercise our spiritual power we shall enjoy the conscious freedom of the sons of God and drink deep of joys unspeakable in human language.

S. & H. 260

Ps. 16:11

Use your spiritual power to control. "Take possession of your body, and govern its feeling and action." Dictate its terms. Never let it dictate to you. Handle "aggressive mental suggestion" as the Manual of The Mother Church tells you you should in the following By-Law: "**Alertness to Duty.** SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind. By his works he shall be judged,—and justified or condemned." Be loving, obedient to every good thought coming to you from divine Mind; let Principle govern you and not human impulse. Have no fear. Love is ever-present and is the only Power. Good is all there is for you to know; evil is a false claim, do not yield to its pretensions.

S. & H. 393

Man. 42

Give love to all.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September, 1909.

DEAR ——:

You have been very happy, I know, and that is evidence to me that you have been obedient and good. Everyone has been kind and loving to you and this has helped you to be obedient. School is waiting for you and you must do better work than last year for you have more understanding and more gratitude to express in faithful, earnest, happy work.

The home is waiting for you, to bring the sunshine of a happy, helpful child of God into it. The Sunday School is waiting for you to add to its usefulness in teaching all its members that God is the Father and Mother of all and that we are all loving sisters and brothers. The Church is waiting here for you; this loyal 'structure of Truth and Love," waiting for you to *hear* its message of joy and peace. So, dear, God has everything for you, and you will find it all if you are loving and true, honest and pure, and you are for you are God's child.

S. & H. 583

Love to all the dear ones,

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 9, 1909.

DEAR ——:

Grace and purity are qualities of thought and belong to Mind. By the beautiful piece of work you have sent me, I know you have been happy, for thought is force, and only by graceful, pure thought could you have produced the effect of grace and purity. I know that

these qualities bring happiness for they are of God, the only Source of harmony.

Thank you, dear; I shall take great pleasure in wearing the waist when intelligence has modelled it still more.

What a mine of wealth we have in this lesson. A thought has substance only in so far as it is God, is good, is loving, true, living and intelligent. It is *intelligent* if it emanates from God. This absolutely deals the death blow to mere intellect. It destroys *all* material knowledge, all human opinions, all creed and dogma. A thought to *be* thought must be of God, and declare His presence and power. When we have spent the week on this lesson we shall find a change in our thought, more substance, more power, more love and gentleness, for "thy gentleness hath made me great." II Sam. 22:36

Give much love to your mother.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 9, 1909.

DEAR ——:

Your letter gave me joy for I saw in it a spirit of watchfulness which is most necessary at this hour. The demonstration with L—— is most interesting. You must protect that child; she seems to be a storm centre. It is not right or necessary that error should bang at her. She is not in matter, nor of it, and matter is *not* sentient substance. The lesson this week will give substance to our thought. Just think of it, there is no intelligence in a thought unless it is a God thought—a good thought—a life thought, a love thought. Unless *Mind* is thinking it, there is no substance to anything.

The new order of things is most beautiful. The Reading Rooms are doing their work which is going to grow to wonderful proportions, I know, this winter. The instant response on the part of the practitioners, to our Leader's infinite wisdom and love, has been most beautiful. We all have very comfortable offices and the work is going on with increased devotion and added understanding. The work had reached a point of perfect demonstration on that plane and then the word came "Go up higher," prove your Principle, each one of you. You have stood for unity, now prove it.

Luke 14:10

Dear ——, the little garment is beautiful. I have not yet had an opportunity to wear it. Thank you so much for your love.

Faithfully and lovingly,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 4, 1909.

DEAR ——:

Have you been *obedient* and done what you could to meet the material claim to a law which says you must be clothed and fed *materially?* You know that is only a false concept of the eternal fact that man is fed spiritually. "Christ, Truth, gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually." Our attitude must be a constant recognition of this providing, a constant reception of it and an ever-increasing gratitude for it. We must manifest the *result* of being *fed.* The human footsteps *must* be taken of *eating* the literal, material food which love provides. As long as the phenomenon is material we must eat of *it,* for eat we *must,* and when our love is pure enough, and our desire selfless enough, we shall find, discern, the

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phenomena of Spirit. "Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each day brings to a nearer tomb." S. & H. 248

Dearie, you *must* rise to meet the false argument. Now is the moment that each one must do his and her utmost to dissolve the mist of mortal mind. Would it not be well to write your mother to meet you? Either that, or let her shut the house and come to you, for it is not wholesome for you to be alone, unless you can break away from the sense of false self. There is no selfhood apart from God, and God is Love, ever free, expansive, warm and responsive. Man *expresses* God; and this expression is loving and boundless.

M. A. M. cannot hold you in a false sense. There is no mesmerism, no hypnotism, no self-love, no self-pity, none but the one Ego which is every moment expressed.

Hold on to God and His idea. Let no false concept of any one deceive you. God is All.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
November 21, 1909.

DEAR ——:

You must have received a response to your letter long before this written paper letter will reach you, for I began treatment at once and we know the Truth is omnipotent and that the Word does that which it is sent to do. You know you have never been in matter, for matter is but *belief*, and you are in understanding. You live in Life, God, Good, and no error can exist in Life for Life is Truth. No discord can reach you for you have your being in harmony. Declare that you are

spiritual consciousness, and deny persistently and energetically that you are material; you are *not* under any material law nor condition; no fear can impress you or talk to you. Every thing that touches you must come through God to reach you "for in him we live, and move, and have our being." There is nowhere for error to lodge; nowhere for it to come from, no avenue nor instrument for it to use. God is All and in all.

Acts 17:28

Mother and father are God's avenues to you. Every thing they give you is from God. So you must love them for being such good reflectors of Love to you.

Write me again, dear. Love to mother and to A——.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 7, 1909.

DEAR——:

Last week's lesson has unfolded so much that is helpful. We learn as we go on that we are *mental* beings. We are the product, the offspring of thought. It is for us to watch and see what is working and producing—*mortal* mind or *im*mortal Mind. Every thought is a seed and "to every seed his own body." Now a Christian Scientist is a monotheist, he acknowledges *one* God, *one* Mind, *one* Thought-force. The moment we take that stand we array ourselves against every claim of another mind, or thought-force, or creator, or cause. We declare and must hold to it that God is the only creative Principle. Then by, or on that platform, we are pledged to *think* only God-thoughts, reflect only the divine Mind; thought is creative; if we think a mortal thought we are *ad*-mitting,—letting in—another

I Cor. 15:38

god and at once, by that very fact, are idolaters, and are living in a false creation. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being." This is also true of mortal mind if we think it. In *it* we live (seem to), and move (seem to), and have our being (seem to). When we declare for the One, God, Good, we that instant are in antagonism to all that opposes or claims to oppose. Then we must fight the material *thought*, the carnal mind. This will purify our *thought* so that we *can* think the spiritual thought and realize our sonship with Good.

Acts 17:28

L—— is the product of *thought*, she is *mental;* it is for us to *silence* every mortal, carnal thought which would build up a false concept. We must quicken in her the ability to think rightly, reflect divine Mind and so in deed and in Truth *be* the *child*, the effect of Spirit. This is the task before us. Again, we *know* there is *no* other than the *one* Mind so that she *is*, not *shall be*, perfect and immortal.

As I close this lesson I shall give her a good, long, thorough treatment. I shall write her during the week.

Much love to you all three.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December, 1909.

DEAR ——:

My surprise was so great, today, that I did not express my appreciation of your love and gratitude.

The gold is type and shadow of the substance of Truth and Love that you are manifesting continuously in God's dear sight. This, I know; moreover, I know that

your apprehension and realization of this immutable fact is dawning, will increase more and more, even unto the full and perfect understanding. We are mental beings, and God is the only Mind; so we are the outcome, or effect of Intelligence. We but *reflect* the infinite Intelligence, or creative Mind, and, by this power of reflection, we *have* all things that exist in Mind. Just in the proportion that our thoughts are governed, or dictated by Intelligence, just so far is our environment the creation of Intelligence; in other words, just so far are we *conscious* of the real. "The senses of Spirit abide in Love, and they demonstrate Truth and Life." They are continuously testifying of this real substance-life; they know *nothing* of the illusion called matter. The material senses abide in this illusion or lie and cannot testify truly. We, by denying this testimony, arrive at the Truth. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"—"The senses of Spirit abide in Love."

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Psalms 91:1

The gradual transformation of our lives by the constant renewal of our thought will go on in an orderly, natural way. *We* have nothing to do with *effect*, all we need to do is to turn lovingly to God, recognize ourselves as His children, His offspring and *let* Him express Himself, His will in us. We need not *anxiously* watch our lives or change them in any radical way, unless we find that we are living in willful sin. We do not *know* the ideal life and we must let Spirit fashion us and our lives anew. Therefore, dear, rest in the assurance that God is your Principle, and that He will wisely and lovingly govern all things.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

Sibyl Marvin Huse.

DEAR ——:

God, divine Love, infinite Mind, will give me a word to say to you that shall find its own way to your consciousness. This morning, I am absolutely at peace about you. I have found you in Truth, where error cannot touch you. I am leaving you with God, your own, our own, Father-Mother. You are under the protection of that mighty wing which will bear you up above the clouds of material sense. This dear Love is teaching you the "sweet secret of the narrow way." Po. 4 A way that seems narrow to material sense only, because nothing is there to deceive, to darken, to talk of error; no belief is there, only the infinitely true substance-idea of all things. All the good is there, the satisfying, the ideal, the real, the beautiful; that which is solid, tangible, enduring; there we find no illusion, no dream, no disappointment, no contradictions. In this "sweet secret," we understand God and one another; here one Mind governs with its persuasive animus. And why call it secret, when we know it so well? Ah, there is the sweet joy of it! It is so *dear*, so intimate, so near to our nearest thought, yet so far from the din of self and the vain, noisy traffic of mortal sense, that we whisper it to each other and wait to catch the whispered response from the one who hears the glad word: "Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Rev. Lamb's wife"; she is all glorious within; she hath 21:9 made herself ready. As we enter the hush of this "sweet secret," a broad, deep realization of the infinitude of God's love breaks on us, and we hear, as it were, a mighty shout: "Lift up your heads, O ye Ps. gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and 24:7, 10 the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of *hosts*, he is the King of glory."

The secret? It is the spiritual fact of creation. All know it.

Po. 132 A. E. S.
One "Home, Sweet Home," must ever be thy goal,
The Mother, Home and heavenly rest of Soul.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

MY DEAR ——:

Your special delivery letter came promptly to hand, and received immediate attention. I have been so placed that it has not been convenient to write, but I am sure you have received the word. Your letter had a good tone of cheer and courage. Our conversation must be in heaven, in harmony with our profession of Truth, in harmony with Principle, Life, Truth, Love. So let me repeat the ever new Gospel—God made all that was made, and made it like Himself, infinite Good.

My. 357 "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

God commands man to multiply and replenish the earth. Jesus, in obedience or demonstration of this law, multiplied the loaves and fishes, as God's son or reflection. He possessed, by *reflection*, all the elements of *all created things;* therefore he evolved from his *own thought* the bread and fish. "Man is the climax of creation; and God is not without an ever-present witness, testifying of Himself." Man has no qualities underived from perfect Mind, hence he should not, and cannot, in reality, produce or evolve, or bring out anything but perfection. We should refuse to entertain any quality of the false claim of mortal mind, for these false qualities produce, evolve, bring out, false effects. But there is no material thought-force to produce,

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evolve, bring out, *multiply*, a material universe, with all the accompanying false claim of discord. "Now are we the sons of God"; each one of us can behold now the New Jerusalem. If the multitude had risen to the same conscious possession of God qualities as Jesus did, they would have found within themselves, by reflection, the elements of creative Mind, and this would have been meat and drink to them; thus we can eat of the hidden manna,—it is hidden, contained, in our Principle, our Being, our Father-Mother Good. Jesus said that whoever had this consciousness, or the consciousness of this fact, it would be "in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." I John 3:2 John 4:14

Let us grapple with the lie that there is a mortal state, either of man or things. Every thing—thought—is instinct with Life, with Truth, with Love. There is no other effect, for there is but one Mind, one Source, one creative Principle—Good. This Cause, with its effect is the "*Adorable One.*" We are all members of this perfect, harmonious Whole, the Body, of which Soul is the Cause, and these two are One. Rise and deny, with great indignation, the *lie* of a corporeal, physical counterfeit-body, called the material universe. The head of that serpent is *under the heel of the Woman*, and, therefore we shout, "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter. . . . for God is All-in-all." There is no animal magnetism, no power in sensuality to hold us to an animal concept! There is no hypnotism of false preaching, false theories, false ideals, false practices; there is no mesmerism of suggestion, through belief of material sight, nor hearing, nor taste, nor any other false claim to intelligent matter. There is no material law, no condition arising from the observance or transgression of any such claim. You S. & H. 16 S. & H. 468

are under the law of Spirit, which is all action, all life, all harmonious co-operation. You are not made up of organs, *there are no material organs.* Man is made up of *qualities* emanating from Good. These qualities express themselves in perfection of form, outline, and color, all of which continue under the one perfect intelligence. The lesson this week, "Probation after Death," is full of inspiration. Death simply means experience. After every experience, comes the time of testing wherein we prove how much *mortal* has disappeared and how much Christ is revealed.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 3, 1910.

DEAR ——:

My heart is full of warm, loving gratitude to you and the other dear ones who have so richly blessed me with such abundant love. The priceless gift of a copy of the First Edition of our Leader's great work, Science and Health, finds me unable to express my joy. I have wanted it and hoped for it and now it is mine! You must come and enjoy it. I shall keep it here in my office for I have access to one at home. The tender words from the donors accompanying the gift are precious to me and inspire me to press on and prove them true.

But, dear, all that is good is *true!* We have an infinitely loving God who is continually pouring into our lives the bounties of His own nature. This is *true!* The Spirit is asserting its claim of Allness; material sense must yield up its illusion of sin, disease, discord and death. Life is the only presence and power. We must, and will wake up to this great fact. Love is

pressing upon consciousness and impressing upon it the divine image, even the likeness of Good. Stand firmly against all the arguments that would persuade you that evil is real, present or has sway or power. Truth is the strong Deliverer. Remember that as you rise above the evidence of pain and sorrow, grief and fear, you are becoming an avenue, witness for this great Deliverer and just in that degree that you let Truth deliver you, just in that degree, do you deliver others from fear and suffering. Lift up your eyes unto the hills from whence cometh your help. Lift up your face that God's sunlight of Truth and Love may shine in your eyes. Others who need this light will find the reflection, catch the glow, the illumination and in their turn lift up their eyes beyond you to where you derive your joy and peace, even unto the one Father-Mother.

Your textbook will help you, dear child. We have to meet the temptation to doubt the Allness of Good, but "victory rests on the side of immutable right." Divine Love will meet your need. This I *know* for I have proved it. God will teach you this. I trust our loving Father and commend you to that infinitely wise Power. Error has no power to deceive you. You can and do respond to the touch of divine Love. S. & H. 446

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 22, 1910.

DEAR ——:

Your loving words of confident trust in the unfailing Principle of all true being cheers me. There is but *One*, and there is none else. This One is Mind, Spirit, Love, and is *manifested*. This manifestation is *Man*, and we

are all members one of another,—members of Christ. Jesus *demonstrated* Christ. We must, each one, do likewise. There is only one way to do this—the way Jesus taught and practiced. He declared his oneness with his Father, eternal Life, and from the consciousness this oneness gave him, he destroyed all that was *not* one with Truth and Love. Because he went to the Father, we shall do the greater works of handling the serpent, personal belief, and the prince of this world, mesmerism, to its utter nothingness.

I recommend to your earnest study the lesson of this week. It is bringing a freedom to my thought and a conviction that is strength. We must put ourselves under the operation of the law of Love. This law is irresistible; we need but to come in contact with it, mental recognition of it, and we are moved by it, and come into harmony with it. This is the ruling of the Christ and his yoke is easy and we shall rest under its guidance. I am glad you are happy in your work. Let Intelligence do it, and you can feel no fatigue. Love to your mother.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February, 1910.

MY DEAR——:

Will you read a letter that comes to you in such form? I believe you will, when I tell you that I have the moment to write you and find that this is the only paper available.

S—— has been good about keeping me posted; once more God has spread for you a table in the wilderness, and you are strengthened for the journey that yet

remains. It is a rugged way, but the rejoicing we feel must indicate the road the Shepherd is leading. She is leading us by unsought ways, surely. But we are entering a consciousness that recalls Peter's words "it is good for us to be here." Matt. 17:4

The responsive reading of last Sunday is as follows:

> Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day. Isa. 58 6-10

This is most helpful as an outline of work.

I. (1) Loose the bands of wickedness—mesmerism, hypnotism, animal magnetism. (2) *Undo* the heavy burdens—deny the physical corporeal belief, material organism. (3) Let the oppressed go free—liberate yourself from the tyrannical laws of scholastic theology, materia medica, heredity, creed and dogma, etc. (4) Break every yoke—of hate, malice, envy and all qualities of mortal thought.

II. Then from our purified thought (1) we are ready to feed the hungry. (2) We can bring to our consciousness those who have no abiding conscious-

ness, but are at the beck and call of every human belief and opinion. (3) With this degree of realization we cannot hide our true self from our own flesh—our own problem will be met. If this is all faithfully accomplished, *then* shall our light (reality), break forth as irresistibly as the coming of the dawn. A *continuance* in this line of demonstration will lead to noonday glory. Is it not rich in inspiration? The lesson this
My. 357 week is going to lift us mightily, for "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

Our dear teacher is strong and manifests great peace and an immortal joy that speaks of many a "*victory.*"

Give the "children" all *three*, that means *you* are one of them, my dear love.

Patients are calling for me—mentally—and I must give some treatments.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
April 19, 1910.

MY DEAR MR. ——:

Since receiving from you, as dispenser of "a Special Fund," twenty-five dollars, last Friday evening, I have been carefully analyzing my great reluctance to accept this gift of love from my fellow students.

I have questioned myself to see whether it were a barrier of pride and self-sufficiency or, perhaps, a determination to choose my own way for the supply to come. After much prayerful thought I have come to this decision: that we, as students of our beloved teacher, are closely united in the bonds of love, and owe each other quick and loyal support, in time of need; but it is also very clear to me that, as one of her practitioners to

whom she has imparted and entrusted so much of the letter and of the spirit of Christian Science, I am in duty bound, and of necessity, must demonstrate my daily substance so as to render it unnecessary for me to look to my fellow students for financial aid. I have followed my teacher's example in never sending a bill, but have known God is the paymaster and I have left any remuneration for my services to come from the spontaneous gratitude of those who have been helped by my work for them. My own patients are the natural avenues through which Principle works. My legitimate practice has always met my needs and I feel that it would be distrusting God, them and myself for me to let my thought wander out of the direct line of action. I am grateful, however, for the loving thought of the guardians of the "Special Fund" and shall accept this gift in the same loving spirit in which it was given.

I shall hope soon to be a contributor to this same Fund, not in the sense of "paying back" but in order that I may help you to help others who would be in the line of receiving its aid; but I repeat, I feel the grave responsibility of demonstrating the Principle that our teacher has taught me by precept and example. She has always drawn from Principle and Principle has worked thrc ugh her own body of students, not from fellow students; should not we do the same? I feel this is the law of spiritual generation. If I am laying out for myself a problem, I feel it is a legitimate one and one that must be worked out some time, sooner or later. We all, her loyal students, followers of the one forever Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, must prove the Principle of Christian Science to be creative Mind. We have been taught law and order, and we must hold

to it, demonstrate it, and, in our turn, teach it to others, as she has done, by precept and example. We have been richly blessed, and to whom much is given, much will be required. Noblesse oblige, and all her students who are standing in this hour owe it to God, to our Leader, to our teacher, to each other, to ourselves and to mankind to demonstrate her teaching, namely that
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We all speak the same mother tongue and understand each other's speech, for we acknowledge and are striving to serve one Mind.

Ever faithfully
Your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 5, 1910.

DEAR ——:

The love which you manifested to me, Saturday morning, has opened the way for a further blessing to you, to me and to many others. Mrs. Stetson is giving me the privilege of receiving my patients at her home, Thursday evening of this week. Through me she has extended the privilege to the other practitioners who will invite their patients for the same evening. It will be a gathering of tried and faithful friends. Can I hope that you can be here? I feel that it is a momentous occasion.

You will be with us in Spirit, I know, both of you.

Love to you all.

Faithfully, lovingly, *grate*fully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 17, 1910.

DEAR ——:

Your registered letter, with enclosure, was received, as you already know by the return card. Thank you.

You ask me to tell you all about the evening. It was very like the Victrola evening, only more so, in every respect, except that "Victrola" was silent. We had some music but the singers were in propria persona. About half after nine, Mrs. Stetson came down, and how joyous the people were to see her! A quiet, holy joy. Many of them had not seen her for nine or ten months. I think some of the dear ones were a surprise to each other that they were standing so loyal and true. Our blessed teacher spoke with such over-brimming love, tenderness and power. She dwelt a good deal on the true Consciousness; on the power of love to destroy hate and fear; on the call to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation" on the duty and privilege of reflecting and declaring love into the world. My. 357

It was all a baptism of love and a call to arms. I am sure you, dear faithful ones, received the baptism and are responding to the call.

Dear love to you all four.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 21, 1910.

Pick yourself right up! Do not indulge yourself for an instant in the weakness of mortal mind.

You cannot hold a false concept of any one, yourself included. You are God's idea.

Each of you has all in your Principle.

Do your part in the home to make divine Love appear in manifestation.

Love is omnipotent. You can do all through its beneficent influence. "There is no power apart from God." S. & H. 228

Take courage. God is All. You are a member of His Person or Christ.

Material sense is a lie, a liar—nothing.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
August 10, 1910.

MY DEAR ——:

David said: "Give me understanding, and I shall live" Our great Leader, Mrs. Eddy, has shown us that this understanding is the recognition of the One Mind and its manifestation, One Body. My teacher, Mrs. Stetson, has *received* the teaching of this One Mind from the Discoverer, Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Stetson has refused to recognize as real anything but this One Mind and its Idea, the spiritual-mental Universe; she has denounced and repudiated as unreal any claim to another mind and its false concept, the carnal material-mental universe, and all its subdivisions. She has in turn succeeded in transmitting the spirit and the letter of this teaching to a faithful body of students, thus fulfilling *Science and Health*, page 69: "If Christian Scientists educate their own offspring spiritually, they can educate others spiritually and not conflict with the scientific sense of God's creation." Ps. 119:144

Long ago, error seemed to find an avenue through which to bring seeming discord and separation in the

first generation, our Leader's students. As soon as the second generation, the students of those students, had *received* the entire teaching, again error found an avenue and seems to have brought schism in the body. At this critical point of the unfolding of God's plan, our Leader sent out the warning cry to her own student, a representative of the first generation: "Beloved! you need to watch and pray that the enemy of good cannot separate you from your Leader and best earthly friend." My. 358

This is the word of wisdom, and we "need," each one of us, "to watch and pray" in *our* generation.

A certain number, sixteen, of this second generation have been riddled and scourged, held up to the world as heretics, and have been thrust out of the synagogue because they know they have *received* the teaching of Truth. They have held *together*, a solid phalanx, offering an unbroken front to the repeated assaults of impersonal evil, working through many and various channels.

You have not realized that you have allowed yourself to be used by impersonal evil in an attempt to reach, if it were possible, this remnant. This attempt of error is foiled, but you need to turn to Principle and to declare that error cannot separate you from Good and that you cannot be induced to believe in any schism consciousness.

I have faithfully taught you and my work cannot be overthrown by suppositional carnal mind,—the third generation can live.

When you have pressed further along the road that leads up the hill of Science, when you have conquered more of the false Adam belief, you will know that love and hate do *not* walk hand in hand, are not found in the same heart; that loyalty to a teacher is loyalty to her

teaching. The teaching you have received from me has always inculcated the reality of Good and the consequent unreality of evil. You have been taught that hypnotism is a false claim; that the one who believes this false claim is self-hypnotized. The hater is identifying himself with hate, the opposite of God. Thus he is an idolater, for he who hates or fears is admitting into his consciousness qualities not derived from Good. The Christian Scientist *knows* that man has no quality underived from God. What is your God?

You tell me that you spent half an hour near our Leader's home. I advise you to read and study Article VIII, Section 27, of The Mother Church Manual. Also our Leader's statement in the *Sentinel* of July 23rd, where she states:

My. 356 I have given no assurance, no encouragement nor consent to have my picture issued, other than the ones now and heretofore presented in Science and Health.

The editor's comment draws attention to the fact that Mrs. Eddy has given no authorization, no authenticity nor approval to certain portraits now extant. Have you been obedient to the By-Law? Are you contemplating the pictures that are presented in Science and Health? Do you not know that thought is force? You are but thought. *That thought* intruded on the privacy of the Leader, or it would have done so if possible. We should study our textbook, and there find the thought, the real substance selfhood of our Leader which is not apart from God, but manifests Him. If we look for her in matter, in material environment, we are no better than idolaters making unto ourselves images of clay. Awake from this animal mag-

netism which would cause you to deify matter. Break this illusion of false sense which would say to you, Lo here, or lo there is Christ. The Kingdom of Heaven is to be found in the spiritualized thought. Flesh and blood can never reveal this Christ, but the Father, Love, which is in Heaven—in the *single* consciousness, wedded to the Lamb, *united* to Principle.

You do not know how far off from true metaphysics, from Christian Science, your letters to Mrs. Stetson and to me have been. They breathe an atmosphere of materiality, of superstition, and of mere personal attachment to the Leader, to Mrs. Stetson and to me. You *know* better than this. This is the trail of the serpent, personal sense, and it is not real and cannot stand before Truth and Love. Let your real, true self come forward in its meekness and might and you will find that Love which "owns each waiting hour." Po. 4

No man can come unto the Leader except the *Father* draw him. The Father is Love, is Mind, is Truth. Hate and recrimination never accompany the action of Spirit. What went *you* out to see? You could have stayed at Home in Mind, Spirit, and found the unity of the Body. You cannot find schism in God's Body, —in the Universe of Mind! Were you looking into matter, that you found the error you so graphically describe?

Where is *that* universe? *God* never made it. It is an illusion of sinful sense and Truth and Love destroy it.

The meek and gentle spirit does not jump the intervening steps but waits patiently and trustfully for "divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept." We need to make our S. & H. 454

at-one-ment with God. We must work out the whole problem of mortal existence in our own consciousness. *Our* beliefs are *ours* to destroy. Only the God qualities of justice, mercy, wisdom, and goodness, yes, the very attributes of God, can accomplish this for it *is* the Lord's battle.

Human will, personal ambition and impatience can never attain demonstration. Words are nothing if they do not express the God-consciousness, present and redolent of *love*. Self-satisfaction is deadly.

Rev. 3:12 "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out." This steadfastness of thought, which is *likened* to a *pillar* in the structure of Truth and Love, is attained only through patient, persistent endeavor. It is that Po. 4 "gentle presence, peace and joy and power;" it is that love that never faileth; it is that blessed purity of heart which sees God, Good, and its good.

Love is omnipotent.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
August 25, 1910.

DEAR ——:

How many days your letter has lain on my desk, pulled out from the pigeon hole in order that I might answer it! You have been many times in my thoughts and as I am constantly purifying and enriching them by earnest work for God and humanity, I know you have received nothing but good from me. Thank you, dear, for your letter which breathed the right spirit.

I am sending you by this same mail two letters

(copies); the one to a patient is mine and I hope you will find it helpful.

Just here it occurred to me that I might not have your present address and so called up your mother. We had a nice little talk over the telephone. Her voice was cheery and bright and she said she was very well and feeling splendid.

I know you, dear one, are preaching the Word by being happy, well, joyous and strong; thus defeating error by refusing to witness for it. Your thought will heal all unconsciously, if you dwell in the "secret of Love's presence." Po. 79 A. E. S.

On page 270 of *Science and Health* we read, "Meekness and charity have divine authority." While studying that, yesterday, it came to me that it meant much more than that meekness and charity had received the *endorsement* of divine Love. Meekness and charity are qualities of *Man* to whom God gave dominion over all the earth; they are divine and consequently carry with them the same authority, power, that any divine attribute has. Speaking from such a quality, or consciousness, we would be *felt* and recognized as Jesus was, for the earth *must* melt, yield, to the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. More and more I see, that we must seek the qualities of that Mind which was also in Christ Jesus. Then we shall lack neither wisdom nor power to prove God's Allness. The battle must be fought by the God qualities as manifested in us.

I feel that there is so much in Mrs. Stetson's letter that I need to say very little.

Much love to you, dear, and to M——, whom I always wish I knew better.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

New York City,
September 16, 1910.

Dear ——:

Your special delivery letter reached me last evening about seven thirty. Strangely enough I have had a letter (or rather this same sheet of paper lying on my desk, with simply "Dear——" written at the top) for several weeks. Many times I have taken my pen and tried to write; yesterday morning I took it up again, put this sheet of paper before me not a word would come to me. There seemed to be a silence, a barrier, a separation. I laid down my pen and treated, but I could not be moved to write. Last night as I treated you, much seemed to break away and, this morning, there is a freedom of thought that makes it natural to write you. This is a truer and better sense, therefore the other is not real and never was. There is no material universe, with its limitations of time and space. There is but One Mind and we, as ideas of that Mind, run and disport ourselves. Let us not be content with trying to get out of the limitation of our own physical phenomenon, but consider the whole environment of material thought as one with the physical so-called body; then break through this dream by denouncing it, repudiating it, casting it from us and reaching out, or reflecting the clear, penetrating light of spiritual understanding. We
Po. 4 are *now* immortal. "His habitation high is here, and nigh" (about to be revealed).

No fear can touch you for you are hid with Christ in God—you know the Truth, your consciousness is spiritual.

We now have a record for the Victrola, "Love Watches Over All," sung by Mrs. Rider-Kelsey. Love does watch over you. Fight valiantly and fearlessly.

Know that nothing can withstand Love nor Love's reflection—love.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 28, 1910.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was very welcome. I feel that the currents of divine Life, Truth, Love are ever flowing. I know that you are in and of this current. There is only *one* Life and all true existence is but the idea of Life. Matter, however, is not Life, nor of Life.

I do not quite make out from your letter what you want to say, or what you ask me to do. Dear, there is only one way for you to go; it is to be faithful to what you know. "Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe the spirit." S. & H. 495

"If there is no spiritual reflection, then there remains only the darkness of vacuity and not a trace of heavenly tints." S. & H. 480 Claim the qualities of God which you possess, by reflection. Why go into the darkness of *belief* when the light of understanding is at hand? The tangled sophistries of philosophers are the baked meats offered to the idol, human intellect, which is confusion worse confounded. If there had been anything in them man would have come into the possession of his dominion long ago. But they are idle mutterings, unintelligent and unintelligible. In Science and Health, we find the Key to all Scripture, whether bound up in a book called the Bible or inscribed on the blue vault of heaven, or written on the face of a friend.

Become familiar with the *Key; use* it to unlock the

treasures of Truth. By use, its light becomes more luminous, its adaptations more evident and immediate. It is the Key of David, and will reveal to you the hidden manna; it will give you that steadfastness of thought which makes you a *pillar* in the Temple, the triumphant, victorious consciousness; for you shines the "morning star," the Sun of Righteousness,—right thinking, right acting.

You know, dear child, that I stand ready to do for you all I can and all you will let me do. But I cannot do your work for you. You must rouse to earnest, selfless, loyal work for Principle.

Tell your mother that I shall write her the first chance I get. Unmeasured love to you both, and write soon.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 2, 1910.

DEAR ——:

We had a happy day! It was pure, innocent enjoyment so must have blessed others, for happiness is as a fragrance, that enters the atmosphere and pervades thought, refreshing, invigorating and purifying all.

I have thought much, and prayerfully, over the problem that false, finite sense presents to you for solution. I took up Miscellaneous Writings and opened at page two hundred and twelve. My eye fell on these lines. "The currents of human nature rush in against the right course; health, happiness, and life flow not into one of their channels. The law of Love saith, 'Not my will, but Thine, be done,' and Christian Science proves that human will is lost in the divine;

and Love, the white Christ, is the remunerator." Dear heart, "the white Christ" is the reward! Look for it, watch for it in those *nearest* you, in those who seem to be giving you a hard and intricate problem. A false concept, born of the *belief* that man is mortal and the instrument and avenue for evil, hides the perfect member of the Christ, the real, divine Man, the image and very likeness of Good. Study prayerfully, selflessly and lovingly the Article from which I quoted, "Thy Will be Done."

Destroy in your own thought or concept of Man, all egotism, greed, injustice, tyranny, hate, jealousy, envy. Know that there cannot *be* any resentment, any sensitiveness. The One Mind can know no difference, no disagreement, no misunderstandings. In this One Mind is found only spiritual co-ordination, and the joy of perfect co-operation. Watch your thought. Let it be warmed by the fire of divine Love. Seek and you will find your *own* in *another's* good, for we are but reflection and possess only that which we behold in others. Good, Love, is the Principle, the Substance of all that *really* exists. Evil, error, false sense cannot deprive you of the limitless riches attendant on the understanding that in each and every one, "God is All-in-all." S. & H. 468

Give much, much love to the two dear sisters. I love them and am grateful for the glimpses of the real and true that I caught from their reflection.

Remember that "Love watches over all." You are in Love's care. I am continually reflecting this Love to you and know that it meets every human need for it is divine. Po. 50 A. E. S.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 15, 1910.

DEAR ——:

Your little letter, with its love, was and is "registered" and so must needs have arrived. There is a foolish little conundrum which you have doubtless heard: "Where is money first mentioned in the Bible?" "When the dove brought the green back to Noah." There is a little word of truth in it, though; the true money is an emblem, an evidence of peace, a sign that God and His idea are in unity, and that the earth and its fullness are subject to man's dominion. Man must reflect the qualities of the Father-Mother of all creation, the Principle of all phenomena, or else there is no reflection, no universe, no phenomenon. God said: "Multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." The divine Love, *as we reflect it*, will *reveal* "multiply" all things needful and beautiful. All we need then is to *claim* persistently, faithfully the qualities of Mind, Spirit, Soul, Life, Truth, Love, and, with this reflection, destroy the suppositional qualities of so-called mortal mind; thus we will bring forth fruits meet for (indicative of) repentance—change of mind or thought. When the thought is charged with love, we can handle error fearlessly, effectively, thoroughly.

Gen. 1:28

Dear, it makes me happy to feel that you are standing so loyally for our Leader, by living faithfully according to the teaching of one, who is following so steadfastly her "Leader and best earthly friend."

My. 358

Love to the dear children and to you, dear heart.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 16, 1910.

DEAR ——:

Your special delivery letter came and received prompt attention. Know that the Universe and Man are

entirely separate from matter. You live in this *understanding* and *not* in belief. Qualities, not organs, compose the real man. These qualities are good, they emanate from God, from Life, hence they are *living*, active qualities; from Love, hence they are loving, lovable, beautiful qualities; from Truth, hence they are enduring, persistent, immortal, unchanging and true qualities. These qualities are spiritual and reflect the nature of Spirit, i.e., omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience.

Claim as your own all the attributes of Mind; intelligence, wisdom, goodness, strength, purity, immortality, love and so on ad infinitum. Then, when you have filled your thought with this divine light, turn it on the claim of the opposite *belief* of qualities which have given themselves the names of heart, liver, lungs, throat and so forth, but which are nothing but the lying, talking serpent of personal sense, made up of the illusions, sensuality, lust, greed, envy, pride, vanity, self-love, human will and ignorance. None of these have any source, any being, any form, for "Evil is neither '01:12
quality nor quantity: it is not intelligence, a person or a principle, a man or a woman, a place or a thing, and God never made it."

Perfect love (the reflection of these divine qualities) casteth out fear.

Love to you both.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 18, 1910.

DEAR ——:

After having read in the *Times*, *Tribune*, and *Sun* what purport to be criticisms of your Recital, I want to tell you, if I may be able, what it meant to me.

You know, I seldom, if ever, go anywhere. I do not claim to be versed in the Art of Music, but I may say this; I belong to a music loving and music producing family; I love the beautiful, good and true wherever I find it. Always I have shrunk from that which is coarse and sensuous in Art of any kind, and of late years, it has been difficult for me to listen to the music which one hears in public, for the sensuous element enters so largely into its composition and rendition. Such music tends to call forth in an audience that which builds up a material sense of things and perpetuates a false concept of God and His Universe. Therefore, I have been obliged to forego what should be a pleasure and joy—music—because I find that its present popular conception among artists and critics conflicts with my work,—that of bringing harmony into sick, sinning, and sorrow-filled hearts and homes.

But, my dear girl, last night, my experience was quite different. There was a purity of thought and aim evinced in your very choice and beautiful program; I felt sincerity, purpose and intelligence of interpretation; I cannot express my admiration of your diction; it was simple, direct, pure, free and musical. I am a judge of French diction, and have rarely heard as good, in singing. Your English was exceptionally fine. There are so many good points that fair critics could have noted with credit to their own art perception. Perhaps we would be expecting too much to find in them any response to the highly spiritual quality of the whole Recital. I am ready to admit that you did not every time hit the mark of your own excellence, but I felt that every seeming failure was immediately met by your spiritual understanding; to this your audience several times responded; and I know you may trust as sincere

the protests of your friends against the lack of appreciation shown in the newspaper accounts.

Let me assure you of the warm appreciation and enjoyment of all my friends who heard you last night, and the regret of others who were not there but have heard the friendly comments of those who were.

I myself am deeply grateful to you for a charming evening and for a spiritual mental uplift. You did good work and though it has not been recognized by *all* "the critics," it cannot be lost nor can you be deprived of the conscious enjoyment of its full reward.

Remember me most kindly to Mr. P——.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

The note you enclosed, I glanced over and then read only the opening and closing paragraphs. The rehearsing of a claim after it has been proved to be erroneous is of no benefit, and when recounted for the purpose of justifying anyone's self-love and sensitiveness, it is a dangerous poison and should be arrested at once. I destroyed the letter without reading it when, by a glance here and there, I ascertained the general purport of it.

Truth is Truth, error is *nothing;* then why try to shield and protect a quality of thought that is hurt every time it is rebuked? The instant denial of the error, on the part of a Christian Science practitioner, undoubtedly gave a telling blow which blessed *you* and would have carried a blessing to B—— also, had he been selfless and scientific enough to receive it. But regarding the blow as personal, and estimating it as an *opinion* and

not as the enunciation of the law of Truth to error, he allowed himself to be an avenue for the resistance that the human always offers to this law. Your privilege is to see the false claim and not *support* it in him, but show him, if you can, how blessed it is to have anything in him that can be hurt, *be* hurt and *killed*, not petted and considered *natural*. The whole condition throughout was the *human*, and the only antidote for that human is the spiritual understanding that makes the human *unreal*.

We must all rise to joy in the destruction of false sense, both in ourselves and others, and always encourage the Christ, *never* the carnal.

I feel so earnestly and strongly that the false claim of resentment is a deadly poison which must be eradicated at any cost. It would, if indulged, cut us off from our very Life, darken our spiritual perception, deafen us to the voice of truth and enfeeble our grasp on eternal substance *things*. My love goes out to B—— in a strong desire to waken him from the so-called mesmerism of *belief* into the *understanding* of the unity of the one Mind and one Body. That "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*" must be our slogan. "The suppositional warfare between truth and error is only the mental conflict between the evidence of the spiritual senses and the testimony of the material senses, and this warfare between the Spirit and flesh will settle all questions through faith in and the understanding of divine Love."

My. 357 S. & H. 288

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

After doing my work tonight for various patients, including myself, I am impelled to write you and,

although it has just struck one o'clock, I shall at least begin a little letter which I shall hope to finish tomorrow.

First as to the dear child; she is gaining quietly and steadily, getting a grasp on God, and realizing that her only support is in the divine Mind. In proportion to the realization, she will overcome the mesmerism that has seemed to hold her. She is much awakened mentally and is in a healthier condition than I have ever known her to be. This has been a great growth. She is quietly working out the problem of place and means. God will unfold His infinite plan, as the false qualities are destroyed and true meekness and spirituality take the place yielded up by pride and materiality. I am watching and waiting and praying and working for the appearance of the idea; helping to destroy every claim of mortal thought, as it is stirred to the surface, by the action of Truth and Love. Your letters have been scientific, and their sustained thought has been helpful. Dear one, do not drop now when we need the untiring, upward wing. We must needs take a long, sustained flight now. The Mother's Evening Prayer must be *our* prayer; "Keep Thou my child on upward wing to- Po. 4
night." We must all work more earnestly and persistently to break down the belief in a mind other than *Mind*—Good, Life, Truth, Love.

There is no Adam dreamer and no Eve dream, hence there is no material generation, no false carnal concept; there is no mesmerism, no hypnotism, no animal magnetism, no personal sense to perpetuate a belief of carnal mind and its embodiment, a material universe and a corporeal man. This we must declare emphatically and repeatedly and intelligently. We must bring into play the qualities of divine Mind which constitute our real selfhood, in order to destroy the claim of oppos-

ing qualities which would, if real, constitute a false selfhood apart from God. He is infinite, the only Ego, and "there is no other self-existence."

S. & H. 331

Good night, dear, or rather good morning. We are proving that "there shall be no night there." Are we not? I never retire before morning for there seems so much to do—and yet—*it is all done.* Without the Word there was nothing made that was made, "and the Word was God," "and God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good,"—being His own reflection.

Rev. 21:25

John 1:1

Gen. 1:31

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

The beautiful camellia which you three dear people sent to me to wear Friday evening was so perfect, so exquisite that I feel it must represent a pure and complete thought, prophesying the unity in pure spiritual understanding that is to be demonstrated by each one of you.

S. & H. 175

S. & H. 508

Mrs. Eddy speaks of a flower as "the smile of God"; she also says, "The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it." Your thought *reflected* enough of this *substance* to bring forth so beautiful an object as this lovely flower.

Keep on filling your thought with this substance Truth and Life and you will be able to produce that which will enrich, ennoble, beautify and elevate you and your environment.

Be faithful in destroying all thoughts which do not originate, have their source in good; encourage every

gleam of *true thinking* and build "yourselves on your most holy faith." Let nothing turn you from the constant struggle for the understanding which will bring you into harmony with the Principle of all. Jude 1:20

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BASKET SIX

Letters 1911–1912

NEW YORK CITY,
February 10, 1911.

DEAR, DEAR ONES ALL:

Our blessed Leader has reiterated the words of Jesus:
Mark 13:37 "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!" Our beloved teacher has given us the same word; I have repeated it to you; you are sending the alarum along the ranks, and now the welkin rings with the reverberation of the *Sentinel's* cry: "Watch therefore: for ye
Matt. 24:42 know not what hour your Lord doth come."

Today, came the assurance in phenomenon, that you are reading the signs of the times and ***know*** that it is a late hour. We must fill our lamps with the oil of
S. & H. 592 "Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration."

Your love, evidenced by the beautiful gold watch and exquisite chain, is a call to me to be more faithful in the overcoming of time, which in our textbook is defined as
S. & H. 595 "Mortal measurements; limits, in which are summed up all human acts, thoughts, beliefs, opinions, knowledge; matter; error; that which begins before, and continues after, what is termed death, until the mortal disappears and spiritual perfection appears."

We are all links in the chain of Scientific being and the pearls of Scientific thought mark this chain with the beauty of purity; it is by this purity of understand-

ing that we "see God" manifested in each other. In this consciousness we realize that we inhabit "a city which hath foundations," whose "walls [are] Salvation" and whose "gates Praise." And "every several gate was of one pearl." Heb. 11:10 Isa. 60:18 Rev. 21:21

The ceaseless flow of your love to me speaks of self-sacrifice, gratitude to God and man and a joy in giving that tells me that it emanates from that "well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

Through the living Gospel of our living Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and from the teaching of her loyal, faithful, intelligent student, Augusta E. Stetson, we are receiving the priceless gift of learning Love.

Love is the creative Principle; its operation results in creation or revelation. Man is the effect of this power. Man is also the agent of this essential Principle, for his senses, or perceptive, revealing powers abide in Love; and it is only by his reflecting, radiating or exercising this Love that creation exists, is cognizable, is tangible or objective to him. Love is the creator, the only thought-force which produces real phenomena.

John says: "Beloved [those created, revealed by Love], if God so loved us [so created, manifested Himself in us], we ought also to love [use the senses of Spirit which abide in Love to reveal] one another. . . . If we love one another [so reflect the attributes of God], God [creative Mind] dwelleth in us, and His love [creative power reflected] is perfected [completed] in us [we behold the real creation and know even as also we are known]." "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." 1 John 4:11-12 Matt. 5:8

Mrs. Eddy says: "The substance, Life, intelligence, Truth, and Love, which constitute Deity, are S. & H. 516

reflected by His creation· and when we subordinate the false testimony of the corporeal senses to the facts of Science, we shall see this true likeness and reflection everywhere."

This *activity* of the spiritual senses enables us to see God's image, the only real man. Thus John's
I John 4:20 statement is found to be inexorable law: "If a man say, I love God, [catch the radiance of Spirit], and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, [if he is accepting as real the phenomenon of hate, of malice, envy, jealousy and discord, or contemplating a concept of mortal thought], how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" He has not responded to Principle and consequently has not been able to discern the idea.
S. & H. 560 Mrs. Eddy says: "To misunderstand Paul, was to be ignorant of the divine idea he taught. Ignorance of the divine idea betrays at once a greater ignorance of the divine Principle of the idea—ignorance of Truth and Love."

Jesus gave as the first and great commandment:
Matt. 22:37 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God." This is not an arbitrary command; it is a statement of the law of
I John 4:19 being, for God, Love, is the only Life. "We love him, because he first loved us." The correlative of this law is, of course, "like unto it," being the reflection of it: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor." The first is Cause, the second, effect.

Thus we see that love is not a human opinion, nor a human desire, nor human at all; it is the operation of a
S. & H. 192 divine law. "Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power."
Rom. 13:10 "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only

begotten Son, [the manifestation of Love], which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." John 1:18

Lovingly and gratefully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 8, 1911.

DEAR ——:

It seems to me that the whole of Science resolves itself, or is contained in, the statement, God is Love and Love is All.

It concerns us to know what Love is. The thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians is very clear, when read in the Revised Version.

Jesus said, "God is love," or rather John says so, but of course this was Jesus' teaching. I John 4:8

In Recapitulation, Mrs. Eddy says expressly that Love is the only Mind, and that Love is *Truth*. The essential quality of Truth is immutability. Truth is absolute, is unchanging, is in fact *Truth*. Then Love being Truth, it must be unchanging, immortal, eternal; it cannot alter its enduring nature. There is a great deal that claims to be love which is *not* love, for it is changeable and ephemeral. All we need is love—for Love is the Principle of our being—it is Life. Love meets every human need, for it is the divine that overcomes the human at every point.

Love is active, beneficent, free, boundless. It enriches both her who loves and her who receives this radiance of Life. "Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love." Let us purify ourselves of all self-seeking, all sensitiveness, all pettiness, all vanity and pride, all envy and jealousy—then we can love largely, generously, unselfishly. Then our love will bless those who are embraced in its beneficent influence. S. & H. 54

We shall, in this way, gradually yield to the divine love which reflects Love.

Dear child, we need not be afraid of *loving*. We need to watch and pray *to* love for Love is the kingdom of heaven.

Love loves only love. Love is all we have to give. We shall know, even as also we are known, in the degree that we lose all that is not love.

So, dear one, much love to you.

Always lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 7, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Thank you so very much for sending me the copy of the will of Mary Baker Eddy.

I am seeking to discern more clearly and to follow more meekly and intelligently Principle—Life, by manifesting strength, vitality, animation, vigor, cheer, joy; Love, by being loving, compassionate and tender, and by revealing the living beauty of love; Truth, by being truth and not error, in so far as I have conquered false sense.

We can do this only by keeping the goal in sight, the absolute harmony of Principle and idea,—and the consequent harmonious relation among all God's children. We must *experience* this harmony, this love, this concord; bear witness to it in our daily life. In order to do this, we must not strain beyond our reach. I urge upon you the profitableness of living according to present day normal standards. Retire at a reasonable hour; rest, confident in God's protecting care, and rise with the household, grateful for every evidence of God's provident love.

Notice in Hebrews that the great salvation "at the first began to be *spoken* by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that *heard* him." We must *speak* the truth we know. Go out among your friends as Jesus did and *live* the good. Heb. 2:3

We will have a happy day tomorrow.

Always lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 15, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Whether it be Truth or error that has moved you I cannot say, but *this* I can declare and hold fast to, and by God's grace can and will demonstrate that *Truth* is the only Power. Error cannot, never has, never will move a member of God's Body. Mrs. Eddy says Love and Truth are the motive-power of man. Error is not a motive-power. You have nothing to fear. Rouse yourself to greater resistance to the mesmerism of the carnal mind. You have never found me timid or afraid to cope with and meet the suggestions of belief. Whatever error argues to you is of none effect. I shall work faithfully with you tonight and shall come down to see that you are comfortably fixed. I know the absent treatment is all that is needed. Every metaphysical treatment is physically an *absent* treatment for we must be absent from the body to be present with the Lord. Remember that *no* physical, so-called, condition is in itself dangerous. Keep the thought high, serene, vigorous and confident. Feed on the Truth and be the truth. Let phenomenon of food appear so as to satisfy belief until belief is destroyed by the realization and *demonstration* of the presence of the *real* man, who *is* and *none else* is.

Remember that every human need is met by divine Love. Reflect this Love; destroy by active mental work every cloud of sense that would hide Principle from you. You are not mortal, you are immortal; you are a witness for God, good. The scientific statement of being you must, can and will demonstrate.

There is no drugging malpractice thought to hypnotize nor mesmerize you. *Awake* to the glorious possibilities of being; awake to your privilege and duty to stand for the Christ. You can and must throw off selfish apathy and claim the divine protection of your Father-Mother. I *know* you will do this, for God will force you to it. *His* will must be, *is* done in earth, *now*, as it is in heaven.

Now Love and love *is* with you. Underneath are the everlasting arms.

Faithfully always,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 8, 1911.

DEAR ——:

This bright, radiant morning let us read together the first chapter of Genesis. "Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, 'God is All-in-all,' and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe."

S. & H. 503 Gen. 1:3

Principle being operated, we having responded and cried Abba, Father, the second day opens with the "evening and the morning," by the establishing of the firmament, or understanding, which separates the waters, or elements, of error from the waters, or elements, of truth. This is a very necessary step in crea-

Gen. 1:16

tion, revelation, or unfolding of thought in true consciousness; *finite belief* always *mixes* good and evil, and scholasticism seeks to deify the mortal, calling it real and God-made.

Now approaches the twilight of the third day. Mrs. Eddy says: "The third stage in the order of Christian Science is an important one to the human thought, letting in the light of spiritual understanding. . . . Our Master reappeared to his students, . . . on the third day of his ascending thought . . ." Thus he is the "firstfruits of them that slept." The third day is the fruit day. "The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it." This must be recognized and understood before there can be any fruit. Gen. 1 11-13 S. & H. 508

The fourth day reveals a law and *order* in the universe; the "greater light," a "lesser light" and "the stars also." Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world." Paul said: "Walk as children of light"; he also spoke of God as the "Father of *lights*"; again Paul declared that "one star differeth from another star in glory," in degree of reflection. Gen. 1 14-19

The fifth day unfolds the *result* of the reflection of Principle by the greater and lesser lights and by the stars also. Gen. 1 20-23

The sixth day brings in the final consummation, "the climax of creation" or revelation, Man, "the full representation of Mind." God is understood as All-in-all; unfathomable Mind is expressed. Gen. 1:26 No. 17 S. & H. 591

Here Principle rests, operates fully, finds no obstruction, no resistance. Gen. 2 2, 3

This rest, this seventh day, this Sabbath endureth, abideth, "remaineth . . . to the people of God" for man is *found* in His image and likeness. Heb. 4:9

S. & H. 520 From this we can see why the "highest and sweetest rest, even from a human standpoint, is in holy work." We are then coming in contact, however slight or momentary it may be, with the limitless reality of Being, the rest that remaineth to the people of God; "real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God."

S. & H. 276

Rom. 8:21 Be happy and *enjoy* the "liberty of the children of God." Truth alone gives and ensures this liberty. Guard it for it is your life. We know that error is powerless. There is no glamour, no mesmerism.

S. & H. 124 "Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind. They belong to divine Principle, and support the equipoise of that thought-force, which launched the earth in its orbit and said to the proud wave, 'Thus far and no farther.'"

Exercise this thought-force. You are God's executor.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 15, 1911.

DEAR ——:

The flowers are beautiful; they are filling the house with their fragrance and their gracious presence. Things are thoughts, and thoughts are things; your thoughts must be harmonious to manifest themselves in so much beauty of form, outline and color. Thank you for sharing them with me.

This sea voyage should be, and will be, I know, a great blessing to you, for you can avail yourself of the suspension of customary duties and usual ties and environment to turn your thoughts to the contemplation of *real things*. Mrs. Eddy says: the Christian Scientist

"constantly turns away from material sense, and looks towards the imperishable things of Spirit." In answering the question: "How can I progress most rapidly in the understanding of Christian Science?" she says: "Study thoroughly the letter and imbibe the spirit." Read Science and Health carefully and ponder earnestly what you read. Do not talk with people about it for you are liable to meet those who may give you opinions instead of elucidation. Let the divine Mind impart to you its own unerring intelligence, by which you will attain to a clear understanding of your relation to all that is real, eternal, harmonious and immutable.

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Remember that your true consciousness, the consciousness formed by right thinking, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, is the church of the first born, the *only* born, or that which emanates from Spirit and is God's image and likeness,—God's son.

Have recourse, as Jesus did, to that consciousness—your real self—that temple. Drive out from it, with the "strong cords of scientific demonstration," the money changers, all sordid thoughts, and those that sell doves, all qualities which would rob you of that purity of thought and deed which is essential to enable you to ascend into His holy hill.

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You have before you a glorious summer. You have come to the place where you have found that no material thought satisfies, no human tie supports. At this moment, "thought gently whispers: 'Come hither! Arise from your false consciousness into the true sense of Love, and behold the Lamb's wife,—Love wedded to its own spiritual idea.'" Strike the Rock of Truth and drink deep of divine Life and Love. Read the fourth chapter of John. Jesus told the woman of Samaria,

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John 4:13, 14 who had come to *draw* at the only well she knew, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall *thirst* again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be *in him* a *well* of water springing up into everlasting life."

Science and Health can be to you, as it has been to me, the Key to all Scripture, all writing, in whatever character or type. It will teach you to read and interpret the writing on the wall so that you may know that Babylon, the material thought, is fallen; the scepter, the power, is passed from mortal thought, for we know its deceptions, its mesmerism, its hypnotism; the kingdom of heaven, right thinking, has come, is being revealed, established, in us.

I cannot urge upon you too strongly the value of close study of your textbook. Let me warn you against the glamour of the old world scholasticism. Keep in the spiritual mental of your book and the Bible, that is the universal and only true Church. Shun creed and dogma, and their externalized environments, churches, and cathedrals. Look upon them as works of art but do not imbibe their mental atmosphere. God is All; error is not power.

I hope you are making your trip short and a time for study and real mental up-building, rather than physical diversion and mental fritter.

Be happy and care-free for God makes you so. Enjoy everything but do not put that enjoyment into the *thing*, it is not *there;* it is in the consciousness of your unity with Good; it is *mental* —spiritual mental.

Now, dear, again I say, be happy; know that you are free; that you are God's child; that He has given you richly all things to *enjoy*.

Should you wish to communicate with me, you will always find me at this address for I shall not be out of town for more than a day or two and that rarely, if at all. My work in God's vineyard holds me closely and I love it, for it fills me with joy and peace and gives me unbounded health.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

June 20, 1911.

DEAR ——:

This is just a little letter, but it is to carry you a word of Life, and Truth, and Love.

You know that Principle is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You know that "yesterday, and today, and for ever" are but human concepts of the ever-present I AM. Each one of us, when we speak the Truth, speaks from, articulates this Ego and says I am, I know, I do. There is but one Person, the divine, infinite Person. We, as spiritual beings, represent, manifest, reflect this Ego, Life, Truth, Love. Heb. 13:8

H—— S—— is and always has been a member, an active, living member of this one Body, Man. This we must know for ourselves and for her. Our finite sense has ceased to cognize her, but she has always been mental, though we have seemed to cognize a false mental.

Much, oh so much, was worked out, but there was not quite enough love and courage to hold on through the strain of universal belief. She is true and is working, I know. Love is all and Life is now ever-present. There is no matter.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 15, 1911.

DEAR ——:

It looked at one time last week as though I would be on the way to you tonight. But it must have been only a dream, for here I am quietly seated at my desk, looking out occasionally on a driving rain. God has work for me here, and it seems to me best to stay here for the present.

It is coming so strongly to me that there is only one Universe, one Place, one Christ, one Man, one Body. Only one Mind moves, controls, influences the one
S. & H. 16 Body. We are members of the "*Adorable One.*" There is no weakness, no spot nor wrinkle, no blemish nor imperfection in the One and Only, the altogether lovely, or Love-like. The seeming is a lie, a hypnotic state or false claim; a delusion, without actuality, without place. God peoples the universe with His own spiritual ideas. We are mental beings; as there is but one Mind, we can be no other than the children or effect of Truth, immutable and immortal. Let every thought we think trace its origin in Life, Truth, Love, and we will be sure to find its effect in Man, the image, idea or reflection of pure Mind. So we will be *found*, not in self-righteousness, but in perfect reflection of perfect Principle. In this true realm of Mind, good, there is no here and there, all is *here*, for it is ever-present *I AM*, the eternal *Us*. At the right moment of realization, you and I shall speak face to face for I have much, much to say to you, for the Real is pressing upon the seeming human, which we know must finally yield up its false claim to personality. This transformation however, must be accomplished by undergoing *consciously* the chemicalization of every mortal quality, and the recognition and utilization of the spiritual

qualities lying back of the false claim. I am working earnestly to break the hypnotism of the belief of a selfhood apart from God which is the middle wall of partition which Jesus broke down for himself. Each one must break it down for him and her self. The scientific statement of being is the Word of God, "the sword of the Spirit." Use it unsparingly. Let not a bleating lamb testify against you. Lest you should not be familiar with the story of the bleating of the sheep I am quoting entire the 15th chapter of I Samuel:

Eph. 6:17

> Samuel also said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley.
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> And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good,

and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel? And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the

Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now, therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord thy God. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the Lord.

Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeah of Saul. And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Eph. 6:10

Now, dear, you are strong "in the power of his might," for there is no matter, no physical body, no material universe, nor law, nor system. There is no materia medica, no scholastic theology, no *theosophy*, no transference of mortal thought, for *there is no mortal thought*. There are no carnal qualities such as lust, egotism, envy, jealousy, hate, resentment, sensitiveness, pride, ignorance, fear, prejudice; there are no modes of human thought. God is literally and absolutely *All*, for Man is nothing but God manifest. As God is Mind there is no other mind to think anything but good. You, I know, are awake and alert, dear heart. You know the love I bear you. It is the reflection of Love and is itself compound idea, even a ray of the Sun of Righteousness.

Be steady, selfless, loving, obedient to Principle. But all this I know you are. Love will, *does*, guide and bless you.

Unchanging divine love to you both.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 28, 1911.

DEAR A——:

Wake up from the dream of life in matter! from the delusion that there can be a material universe! There is no such presence! There is no such illusion! "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*"!

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There is no separation, nor time, nor space! These illusions, or false phenomena obtain only in material, carnal mind, and are nothing. We are forever united in the one Mind, God. Error cannot dismember God's Body, Man. Declare for your membership in this one Being, and you will wake up out of any suggestion of loneliness, disappointment, self-pity, resent-

ment or criticism. Let Love come with its love, its idea, and you will find the embodied presence of the idea. Let this experience be a valuable one to you. There must have been some quality of false human consciousness that could be uncovered or turned to the surface to be destroyed only by the wrenching away of some cherished thought. God is very near to you, beloved, for you are finding that you cannot put your trust in any son of man (any material concept you may have of God's perfect child, idea) no matter how much you may strive to idealize or spiritualize that concept. My love goes out to you in great waves of tenderness, and this will heal the wounded sense that *seems* to obtain after truth has wielded its sword to cut off the right hand and pluck out the right eye. This tenderness is the other edge of the two edged sword which guards the gate to understanding. You are strong, you are meek, you are mighty through God. I *know* that Love and Her love, Truth and His truth, Life and Her life are *All* to you, and that you can wait patiently for the third step in immortal and divine Mind's presentation of the ideas of God: "in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness." The opacity of self-love, self-will and self-righteousness must be melted away by the sunshine of Truth before we can see each other face to face and know even as also we are known. It is by experiences just such as this one you are meeting that we will reveal our Leader, the Head of the Body of which we are all members. This week's lesson has opened up vast vistas of spiritual consciousness to me. Read Matt. 5:43–46. We are all rays of that sun which our Father maketh "to rise on the evil and on the good." It is then our province to *shine* on the good that we may reveal them and glorify them, and on the

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Matt. 5:45

evil that they may be destroyed. "They" means of course mortal, carnal thoughts and their false phenomena.

We must not only reflect the power of Love on our neighbors, those near us in understanding, but to our enemies: so declare and reflect the qualities of the Christ Mind as to destroy error wherever it presents its claim.

Goodbye, God be with you, dear one. You are His own and cannot be clouded. You can, must, shall and will demonstrate.

Lovingly always,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 14, 1911.

DEAR ——:

How did you do it! Love must be working mightily with you to have brought out so very much. I do not know how to thank you, dear. I trust you to do right, and not force yourself beyond what is normal and safe for you to do. Your big, generous heart pulsates to the action of Truth and Life and Love. You can never again have a false sense of heart; error cannot deceive you; there are no material organs, false concepts, for so-called mortal mind to present, or talk about, or suggest. You are spiritual, mental. Let no shadow of doubt come into your thought about material, finite personality. There is no such *claim*, no such belief, no such argument. "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good." This lesson on Mind is rich and grand. We shall develop great mental power, through the growing understanding of the All of infinite Mind. I am going to stop right here and do the lesson, and give you a good treatment,

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reflect the Love which is Life, and the Life which is Love. "Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy." There is but one Mind, one Spirit, one Body. There is perfect circulation in this *One*. I feel, this moment, the freedom, the flow, the interchange of the God-thought. There can be no counterfeit action. There is no interruption, no impediment to the perfect operation of Soul. We "know no life divided, O Lord of life, from Thee." This oneness of the reality and substance of good is becoming *tangible* to thought.

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C. S. Hymnal

You speak of the disturbed conditions of things in New York City. Did you notice that Jacob when he saw the angels of God, named the place Mahanaim which means: the *two* hosts or two camps. It is only when the light of Truth is illuminating our thought that error is uncovered, or the claim of a dual nature is roused. We must use the light to *destroy* the error thus disclosed, and so find the oneness again, but *this* oneness is the unity of good, not the total darkness of error.

I shall take great pleasure, dear heart, in the books. Just think! I have the Sentinel complete, and all the Journals from five to twenty-eight inclusive!! It is wonderful. And *you* have done this.

Do not let your trust in the substance of good waver for an instant. You are going to do a great work in the world. Declare for your rights as a son of God. Destroy all belief of yourself as female matter. Claim your *spiritual* male qualities. "Let the 'male and female' of God's creating appear."

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Let me hear from you soon. God is all. Evil is *not*.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 26, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your long, delightful letter. It deserved better recognition than I seem to have given it. But many loving thoughts have gone to you from me and I know you have received them, for your consciousness is open to Truth and the reflection, truth; Love and the idea, love; Life and the manifestation, life.

This has been a *living* summer, full of God's joy and peace. I feel I have a richer understanding, a fuller reflection, a more conscious capacity for spiritual substance. Last week's lesson taught me much of Christ Jesus. Taught me of the Christ, and showed me more clearly the absolute line of demarcation between the spiritual mental and the false claim to a "mortal mentality." Mrs. Eddy says in *Unity of Good:* "The Master's sublime triumph over all mortal mentality was immortality's goal." That is the only goal; we long to realize its present possibility. The lesson, this week, is the practical application to human needs of the example of our Master. Let us lay hold of it, and embody it in our life.

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You, too, seem to be happy and free, this summer. Nay, you *are* so for God, divine Mind, Life, Love, Truth, makes you so. I have just opened Science and Health for inspiration for this letter and find this: "Through divine Science, Spirit, God, unites understanding to eternal harmony." That is good, is it not? The chapter on Genesis is meat and drink to me; I study it a great deal, and it is continually unfolding to me the glories of God's creation. This divine, real universe will have form, outline and color for me when, and just in proportion as, I subdue "the

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motions of sins," which "did work in our [my] members"; that is as I cease to judge after the seeing of the (fleshly) eye, and after the hearing of the (fleshly) ear, and judge righteous judgment—form right concepts. This morning, the consciousness was very strong with me, as I was doing my usual mental work before coming to the office, that there is but *one* Mind and that this perfect Mind presents the immortal idea of God. The suggestion that there is any other mind must be destroyed. This suppositional mind *cannot* present its false concepts. Rom. 7:5

We must take our dominion and reject absolutely and at *once* every suggestion and argument of a man or a universe which does not represent, or image, God, good. There is *no* power opposed to good; evil is but the *supposition* that good can be absent. This is a false, impossible supposition because good cannot be absent; it is an ever-present quality of an ever-present infinite Principle, God.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September, 1911.

DEAR ——:

These have been busy days. Thank you for the letter giving me instances where and how "good" is used in our Leader's writings. I have not yet had time to make a study of it, but I shall for I know such study will be remunerative.

Have no uneasiness about the letter you refer to, which S—— read me and gave me to read to the teacher. It has not been out of my hands. I feel sure that if you keep close to Principle and its idea, your own spiritual identity, you will keep in the "sweet secret of the Po. 4

narrow way" and discern the line of demarcation between truth and error. In this way and this only can you keep the right course in the local problems. I am sending you the teacher's last article which you will find inspirational.

Never forget the *one* Body; preserve its integrity. Never let error remain in your consciousness as real. Today I was reading Joel and was much impressed by the twelfth verse of the first chapter. "The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men." It is a clear metaphysical statement; man is the *revealer* of all things which eternally exist in the divine Mind. Jesus said "the kingdom of God is within you." He saw the nothingness of mortal mind; looked right through the illusions of material sense; to Jesus as he looked out into unfathomable Mind, the old heavens and the old earth had passed away and there was no more sea, no constituent elements or qualities of mortal mind to form again a false concept. I got so much out of the lesson on matter; I wish we might have had the joy of talking it over. It was rich and rare.

Luke 17:21

It seems to me it would be well for you to subscribe for The Concord Evening Monitor. It gives very detailed accounts of the trial; and I think we should watch it and declare continually, "'Not my will, but Thine, be done!'—that is, Let not the flesh, but the Spirit, be represented in me."

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S—— undoubtedly sent you the teacher's Statement that appeared in the *Sun* last Saturday.

There is much I would write you if I felt just now I had the time. I shall write again soon. I am carrying

a case just now that will prove, is proving, the power of God and man in His image to a wonderful degree. I am so grateful, and know I must keep very close to my Father-Mother.

Love to you and the children.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 26, 1911.

DEAR ——:

You spoke the other day of your having let your wardrobe run down. Mrs. Eddy says our clothes are our thoughts. Then we must not let our "*thoughts*" run down, be dingy, or poor, or meagre, or lacking in harmony, beauty, variety or appropriateness to occasion. God requires of us divine economy, Mrs. Eddy says. The meaning of the word economy as given in the Century Dictionary is: "The avoidance of or freedom from waste or extravagance in the management or use of anything." All *real economy* is then divine, for intelligence, a quality of Mind, directs the proper use of all things, so that the most harmony possible shall be the result. It has been said that economy is the parent of liberty. How often then we see the term misapplied when miserliness, parsimony, scrimping or meanness is meant.

Let us remember always the words of our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy: "The robes of Spirit are 'white and glistering,' like the raiment of Christ. Even in this world, therefore, 'let thy garments be always white.'" S. & H. 267

When a ray is wholly reflected and no constituent quality of it withheld or absorbed, the pure, white light is seen. As you know, the *color* we see is that part of the ray of light which is reflected, while all else is with-

held or absorbed. In black there is complete absorption and *no* reflection. It is then a fit type of selfishness which is death, and the reverse of life which is radiation. Jesus was transfigured and his raiment white and glistering *because* he was reflecting, radiating his love to all mankind. So, dear heart, let us emulate his example and send out our light to bless and cheer. We shall feel the warmth and radiance of the return of our spiritual thought. In the words of our Leader, you will find your own in *another's* good. How can you see this good, unless you go out and find it?

We must know that there is no reversal of the Truth. All things have existed forever in the divine Mind, but *man* must *reveal* all things. By holding back reflection *anywhere*, there is nothing *revealed*. We read in Joel: "The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: *because* joy is withered away from the sons of men." Could anything be more clearly stated? Man *is* the *revealer* and joy is that quality of spiritual man by which he reveals the wonders of God's universe. Our parents are spiritual ideas, demonstrators of Principle, manifestors of Mind. They *revealed* us, who had always been in the divine Mind. Error *seemed* to invert this revealing and to present them to us as having begotten and conceived us in flesh, or matter. This is the lie mortal mind has told us about them and told them about us. This is the lie *we must* deny, destroy, with the universal solvent of love. We must know them as God's ideas; they must honor us as God's ideas. Only Love reflected in love can reveal us to each other.

Joel 1:12

There is a divine relationship in parent and child that must be understood and demonstrated. Divine

Mind is the only creator, and God the only Father-Mother. Divine Mind must be manifested and God must be seen in His child, spiritual man.

Love is the revelator and I trust this Love. You are sheltered and protected and nurtured by this tender Love. Have a happy time, dear, and radiate so that your garments may be white and glistering and men "may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16

Dear love to your dear mother and to you.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 28, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Both your letters reached me, and, I know, the answers reached you. A Christian Science treatment is *never* an *absent* treatment for it is the application of the law of infinite Life, Truth, Love. The demonstrator of this law is the image and likeness of ever-*present* Mind, God. This image and likeness is the spiritual individuality, which is the only real personality. The individual, real man of God's creation is not limited by any material law; to him has been given dominion over all things.

You must learn to see through the mask of false, finite personality and behold the idea. You must deny the lie which would represent your parents to you as mortals. They are spiritual, not material. That they ever begot or conceived you as a mortal, carnal belief is the lie that suppositional evil is telling them about you and you about them. Are you believing it? Are you believing that they believe it? Give error no power. "It is neither person, place, nor thing, but is S. & H. 71

simply a belief, an illusion of material sense." Are you, in believing it, according it any power to deceive you and thus giving an illusion any place? Wake up! Know yourself to be spiritual. You are not structural nor organic. You are mental, an emanation from divine Mind; governed by Principle.

There is no resistance in the Body universal, nor can there be in any member of it, to the harmonious action of Truth and Love.

Mrs. Stetson has just written a glorious article which will be out next week. I will send it to you.

Let me hear from you. Love is the only Presence.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 18, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was handed to me today, Thursday, about two o'clock. I should have received it sooner, but it got itself hidden among some other mail. I at once gave you treatment. I feel, dear, that your thought is open, and I know that the Word *has* free course and is glorified. The circulation through the Body is perfect; every member feels the pulsation of Life, Truth, Love; you are a free channel, offering no obstruction to this perfect circulation. No mortal mind exists to argue a different condition or another body. Suppositional evil has no body, no manifestation. Man, Christ, of which you are a member, "reflects the beatific presence, illuming the universe with light." Everything in this creation is maintained, revealed, by this reflection. You must *know* that you never did, never can, put forth qualities which could embody themselves in so-called animals and which could then

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turn upon you and bite and poison you. The only poison, or rather claim to poison, is the suppositional hate, malice, resentment, carnality, etc., which has, or claims to have, gotten into false created things through our own false, human, mortal mentality.

The new heavens and the new earth have been, are, established in your consciousness; old things *are* passed away, old concepts are destroyed, not believed, and there is *no more sea*, no more qualities or elements of mortal mind to be embodied; *there is no reincarnation.* There is no new nor old form for error to assume; there is no *error*, no hypnotism of belief of substance matter that can hold you, for you are not in nor of belief; you are the effect of Spirit, which effect is *understanding.* Wake up! ! ! You *hear* my voice!

Realize that you respond *only* to Mind; there is no other creative thought-force. You are beyond any illusion of ignorance. Life is reflected by you in its qualities of love, gentleness and utter responsiveness to all that is good and beautiful. There is no opposite to this statement of a spiritual *fact.* Your letter is the account of something that never happened. It is as a dream never dreamed. The reflected qualities derived from perfect Love, the creatures of God's creating, "are harmless, useful, indestructible." Read *Science and Health*, page 514, and notice the indentures. S. & H. 514

Remember that the kingdom of *heaven* is within you and can be brought out in expression. No fear is in this consciousness for we are of the Day and there is no night (no ignorance nor suppositional absence of God, good). I shall work for you and I know that you are working for yourself and not letting aggressive mental suggestion make you forget or neglect your duty to God, to your Leader, nor to mankind.

Thank your dear mother for her bright letter. I shall answer it very soon.

Always lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 4, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Ps. 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God"; that is, understanding reveals man. To man has been given dominion over all things. The elements are subject Mark 4:39 unto him and "Peace, be still" can be articulated and sent forth with power by any member of the Christ. You are not in the storm for God is not at war with His idea, and I know that you are in His holy keeping. Nothing can enter your environment or consciousness that worketh a lie. You are momently gaining the conscious realization of your oneness with divine might. My. 357 "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" You know no fear. No doubt can assail you behind the breastworks of omnipotence. There is no hypnotic condition of thought; there is no mesmerism of human will; there can be no control other than the irresistible attraction existing between Spirit and its idea, God and man, Cause and effect. You are free to express, manifest, portray, set forth, illustrate Life, Mind, Love. You possess *by reflection* all the qualities of God. You can, you must, you will, you shall demonstrate Principle. There is no material law, no prenatal conditions, no hereditary material tastes or dispositions. You are founded and built upon Christ. You are mental and thought forms you. I am reflecting to you the quickening, enriching thought. You partake of the bread of Truth and drink of the wine of the Spirit. This spiritual food is so actual, so present, so substantial to your

thought that it presents phenomena and you present the appearance of its effect—health, holiness and immortality.

It is now striking ten o'clock. I shall give you a treatment and then study the lesson sending it into consciousness. Let Love "*feed the famished affections.*" S. & H. 17
"Let your light so *shine* before men, that they may *see your good works*, and glorify your Father." Matt. 5:16

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 1, 1911.

DEAR ——:

Your letter of November 19th is worthy of an answer. I have just reread it and am conscious of the growth it indicates. Keep up your courage. Be strong, "the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10 This Thanksgiving lesson is remarkable. There is more of the Spirit brought out. I must tell you a thought that came strongly to my mind the other day. I was repeating "What Our Leader Says" and as the words came, "all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited," My. 210 I stopped and considered, and I found they had a new meaning for me. I used to think that if I kept my mind filled with truth and love that all those on whom my thoughts dwelt, or who were embraced in my thought, would be cheered or helped in some way. This is true; but now I see a deeper significance. When Noah opened the window of the ark and sent forth that white-winged messenger of hope, faith, love, gratitude and praise, it soared and took its flight over the waste waters of mortal thought, but "found no rest for the sole of her foot"—found no receptive heart to rest in— Gen. 8:9-13

"and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth." His own hope and faith and peace returned to bless him. "And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days"—still keeping his mind filled with truth and love—"and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more . . . the face of the ground was dry," and the dove could find a rest "for the sole of her foot" for "there was no more sea" and the former things had passed away. All "whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited." In Mrs. Eddy's definition of Noah we find these words: "knowledge of the nothingness of material things and of the immortality of all that is spiritual." This is the consciousness which can send forth the Dove as a "symbol of divine Science; purity and peace; hope and faith."

Rev. 21:1

S. & H. 592

S. & H. 584

Have no fear, dear heart, you are in the "Ark. Safety; the idea, or reflection, of Truth, proved to be as immortal as its Principle; the understanding of Spirit, destroying belief in matter." "The ark indicates temptation overcome and followed by exaltation."

S. & H. 581

You are not to be found in matter, there is *no* physical. "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

My. 357

Faithfully yours,

Sibyl Marvin Huse.

December 17, 1911.

Dear ——:

The letter begun so long ago is not yet completed.

I am making a fresh start and feel sure there is enough reflection to fulfil the law of Love.

I was glad to hear of your comfortable little home. There is progress all along the line.

Now, dear one, continue to be brave and strong. Declare for God's allness. Handle every argument that you or anyone is to be found in matter. There are no material organs, no sexual beliefs, there never have been. "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" This is, always has been, ever will be true. No suppositional mortal thought can exist, either latent or developed, there is no mortal mentality. "When the illusion of sickness or sin tempts you, cling steadfastly to God and His idea." Never lose yourself as idea. You have no identity apart from God, Spirit, your identity is the reflection of Spirit. You are dependent on Mind, and on nothing else, for your life. Infinite Mind sustains and maintains its own idea. "Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind." Then there can be no animal magnetism, no attraction to material concepts; there is but one Mind—God, Truth, Love, Life—then it is a fact that there is no such thing as hypnotism nor mesmerism. Spiritual attraction is the only attraction. You are held in the grasp of spiritual Law. Cut yourself from every material illusion; silence every argument of the so-called physical body, with the eternal mandate of Mind—I have made man in my image and likeness. "Therefore man is not material; he is spiritual."

My. 357

S. & H. 495

S. & H. 124

S. & H. 468

If you need any pamphlets for your work let me know, and I will send them. Have no fear to take your stand squarely, and do not hesitate to pronounce yourself as with Mrs. Stetson. This will render you strong to meet the waves of malpractice. We must be daunt-

less soldiers, in these days, knowing that it is a late hour; that the night is departing and the day is approaching.

Let me hear from you.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

B—— gave me the photograph which you sent to me. I should have acknowledged it long ago, but have thought you would be in and I could thank you for it then.

The meaning and derivation of the word "photograph" is interesting. It is composed of two words: "phos" meaning light and "graphein" meaning to write. A photograph is then something written, or engraved by light. *Science and Health* tells us that "Spirit is light, and the contradiction of Spirit is matter, darkness, and darkness obscures light." In *Genesis* we read: "God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day." Again in *Science and Health* we read, "No solar rays nor planetary revolutions form the day of Spirit. Immortal Mind makes its own record, but mortal mind, sleep, dreams, sin, disease, and death have no record in the first chapter of Genesis."

S. & H. 504

Gen. 1:4, 5

S. & H. 504

The true light which is Spirit has written, engraved a "*likeness*" an "*image*" which is eternal and which fadeth not away. It glows with the radiance of divine Love for "*Love is reflected in love*"; it is beautiful with the "beauty of holiness"; it is clothed with "fine linen" which "is the righteousness of saints." The psalmist, in rapture at the contemplation of this "image and

S. & H. 17

I Chron. 16:29

Rev. 19:8

likeness," exclaimed: "The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold." Our Leader speaks of "the glorious forms which we sometimes behold in the camera of divine Mind, when the mental picture is spiritual and eternal." Ps. 45:13 S. & H. 264

This is where I love to look for you, dear, that I may gain the true sense of you.

The picture which the false human sense of light has "written," engraved, is beautiful, dear, and I love it, but only for its sweet promise. I am not deceived by it nor are you. We know it is the *counterfeit* which will change as *you* rise higher to understand that "The reality and individuality of man are good and God-made, and they are here to be seen and demonstrated: it is only the evil belief that renders them obscure." Un. 53

We have the assurance of the transformation of the body by the renewal of that Mind which was also in Christ Jesus.

Oh precious child, be faithful to Principle. Handle error; break the mesmerism of the Adam dream, for as our Leader says: "You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being." S. & H. 403

You know that I always urge upon you the prayerful study of the lesson. This current one is so strong. The responsive reading is a powerful treatment. Take it, read it and declare every statement of it, operate it. We must witness for God and "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good." S. & H. 393

Remember, dear, that Love never faileth and I reflect that Love to you.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

In the dream of human experience, there seems to be a problem on the blackboard to be worked out. You *know* the answer: God is All. Spirit is Substance; Mind is the creator; God is the Father of Man. Yes, this *is* the answer. Keep it constantly before your thought. Love reflected in love is the Rule by which you will work out the answer, figure by figure. You are too good a student of divine mathematics to be ignorant of this rule. You know that every figure representing a quality not to be found in the equation

My. 357 "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*," must be replaced by a cipher, or wiped out entirely, have no representative, and its place filled by *one*, which signifies *unity*,—all.

S. & H. 264 "Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things. Where shall the gaze rest but in the unsearchable realm of Mind?" We must look *through* the finite to the infinite real. Let your expectation be from God, from Principle. *Trust* God absolutely. Hold *no* one in a finite personality.

Isa. 40:6 "*All* flesh is grass." Realize that *idea* is present. Grasp the meaning of *reflection*. Know that Principle,

S. & H. 60 "Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind." Keep your avenues clear, by knowing that

Matt. 6:32 "your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Divine Mind is the Father, and by reflecting that Mind, we possess and enjoy *all* things. Beloved, I beseech you, do not be an idolater. Put your trust in Truth. Have *one* God. Allow no claim of another God, creator, or creation to dwell in your thought, for an instant. Fill your mind with truth and love, so that you may manifest God in every thought, word, and deed. Do not admit the belief

of injustice. "Injustice declares the absence of law." Law cannot be absent, for God is Law, Love is Law, and "love is the fulfilling of the law." S. & H. 391 Rom. 13:10

Just love; *deny* all claim to anything else. Be strong; be steadfast; be faithful; *trust* the Giver of all good.

It is only your own *reflection* of Mind, Love, Spirit, that can give you a true sense of substance and sense of true possession. This is but a word but it is sent to you with unmeasured love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

February 15, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Still no letter. I suppose the harbor is not yet open. We know that there is constant and uninterrupted communication between God's ideas. There is no matter, no corporeality, no human will, no sense testimony, no sensuous mesmerism, no personal attraction, no animal magnetism, no human generation, no hypnotism, no scholastic theology. There cannot be any lying argument which could establish another power or presence than God. There is but one God, but one Mind, but one Soul. "Man is the expression of Soul," "the full representation of Mind." There is no matter. I am hidden in the secret place of the Most High and only those who look for me in Spirit can see me or want to see me, or can communicate with me in any way. This I declare always for myself. This you, dear, must declare for yourself. Moreover we must know that there is no ignorance, no revenge on error's destroyer, no false witness. There never was an Adam, nor an Eve, nor a serpent. Corporeal sense is an illusion, a deceiver, S. & H. 477 591

Eph. 4:25 a lie and a liar. Speak "every man truth with his neighbor" means to confer no more with flesh and blood. Witness at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances, to the Allness of God, and to the nothingness of mortal, material illusions. Let your conversation be in Heaven—speak only as Spirit prompts you, act only as good actuates you; talk only to God, for there is nothing but Mind to think, to speak, to hear. Then S. & H. 308 will be realized the statement of our Leader that "The Soul-inspired patriarchs heard the voice of Truth, and talked with God as consciously as man talks with man." If we recognize nothing but God, then we will *talk* with God, and have no sense of talking with a mortal. There are no mortals; there is no corporeal illusion, for matter cannot feel itself, see itself, nor hear itself. There is no so-called material sense, for Soul is the only sense. In Isa. 11:3, 4 Isaiah, we read: "he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor." Let us then stand firmly in the Truth, and deny *all* sense testimony; let us hold our ground that *Soul*, spiritual sense, alone can see, hear, taste, feel, or smell. Then indeed will we *know* even as also we are known—with the soul sense. This will bring out, make apparent, the image of God, the effect or body, or manifestation of the one Mind.

The next letter, I know, will bring me good news from you,—that you are strong, clear, and free with the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, even the freedom to act in accordance with the divine will. There is but one will, and that will is ever operative; to know this is Life eternal, for it is known by means of that intelligence which is a fundamental, basic quality of Mind—God.

Love, the All-in-all, is ever with you and is the only Principle.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR——:

This is just the hour to read "Voices of Spring." As I sit at my desk, I can look out on a misty myriad of delicate colors against a background of warm, gray sky. Or, nearer in the foreground, the brilliant green of the new grass. Tomorrow, these vapory billows of tint and shade, innumerable and indefinable, will be strengthened into outline and color by the warm encouragement of a bright, sunny day. Under the influence of this gentle rain, the infinitude of foldings and intricate wrappings are being loosened, so that there will be tomorrow, I know, a bursting forth of leaf and tendril from every branch and tiniest twig; if we had ears to *hear*, it seems to me there must be a shout of joy and gladness, a hallelujah chorus, a pæan of praise. Mis. 329

Are we somewhat in advance of you? But in so short a time you will see it all on such a vast scale and in such marvelous contour of mountain and sky.

All this is but the sign that the physical eye can cognize. Jesus, commenting on this cognition of the signs of the sky, the material manifestation, rebuked the lack of ability to read the mentality which produced the phenomena.

There are few persons, I suppose, who are not thinking more or less of the terrible calamity which has befallen the Titanic. I see much in it; a great lesson. That great production of human thought has proved to be *nothing;* it had no *substance.* Pride, rivalry, lust

You will find in this week's lesson much that will arm you for the battle of Truth against error. Your feet are planted in the true path, the path that leads to the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Nothing can turn your feet out of this true path. Error is not power, is not real, and you are safe under the shadow of His mighty wing.

II Cor. 5:1

I hope I have left with you an added sense of the substance of Truth and of the power of the spiritual thought. Remember to keep yourself in Mind. You are never in matter.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.
July 17, 1912.

DEAR ——:

You have been in my thoughts many times and many loving messages have gone to you through the atmosphere of Mind.

Your letter before this last one I read to the teacher, feeling that it was best she should hear of seeming conditions. She made *nothing* of it, knowing that it is simply an argument from mortal mind as to its own presence and power. This *claim* we rebut, deny and refuse to admit.

Work on patiently, dear; meet the argument simply *as* an argument. The claim is baseless, impotent, unreal and cannot establish itself anywhere. God is All in all, and there is no arena for error to urge its claim to being. It *has* no argument for it cannot find any means of expression, for we are told authoritatively that "in the beginning was the *Word*, and the Word was with God, and the Word was *God*." Therefore, sup-

John 1:1

positional evil has no language, no expression, no argument, no instrument, no demonstrator—it is *not.*

You are of the Word. God expresses *Himself* in you. "God hath spoken *once,*" He does not repeat His Word. "Unfathomable Mind is expressed." As this Mind is *infinite* there is nothing else to be expressed. So let us awake and *hear* this Word of God! Come into our dominion; repeat the song of the angels. We can join the Hallelujah Chorus. I am impressed with how many times the words "sing," "song," "music" and such kindred words are used in the Bible. Paul also uses the expression make melody in the heart. Mrs. Eddy says, "Music is the rhythm of head and heart." This song to God then is the blending of perfect intelligence and pure affection.

Ps. 62:11
S. & H. 520
S. & H. 213

Divine Love will meet, is meeting your every need, be it for wisdom, patience or any other divine quality.

Always lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.
July 28, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Your letter of Thursday morning did not reach me until Sunday morning, as I was off on a little motoring trip. I know, however, that, as there is only one Mind, you have been rightly guided.

I am seeing more and more clearly that there is but one Mind, and to "acknowledge any other power is to dishonor God." We have nothing to fear if we keep our "minds . . . filled with Truth and Love." Lift *yourself*, dear, and you will draw unto you only such as you can benefit, and who consequently will benefit you.

S. & H. 228
My. 210

I cannot tell, nor can you, to whom you are to give

the word of Love. But if you declare for the one power; if you denounce error, as a claim; refuse to give it presence and power, then having done all you must stand with armor on and let those come to you whom God will bring. Above all, have no fear, no distrust, no misapprehension, for this quality of fear is an avenue for error. *Trust* your declaration of Truth. Be confident that error has no representative, and then find God's child back of or instead of the illusion of physical personality, which is only the counterfeit that mortal mind would use to terrify and deceive us. "But do not thou be afraid of them." Love is omnipotent and ever-present, and God peoples the universe with spiritual ideas. We must not let error be real to us, or let the universe be false. We *must* see the phenomena of Spirit, and give no substance to error and its seemings.

S. & H. 468 "God is All-in-all." This we *know* and can *prove*. Jesus never ran away from the problem of seeing God's idea in place of the false personality. Let us always remember that, God, good, created the heavens and the earth. We acknowledge no other creator and no other *creation*. Then we can see the real man mentally, and rejoice with our Leader that

Po. 4

> . . . only with mine eye
> Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:
> His habitation high is here, and nigh,
> His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

Much love to you, dear.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

I think you told me you had our teacher's last pamphlet. What a strong battle cry for the Leader!

September 6, 1912.

DEAR ——:

The first word that comes to me in writing you is the name of one of the fruits of the spirit—"temperance." Be moderate in entering on a new field. Let *healing* be the foundation on which you build. Less and less do I think of material organization as *anything*. Make your consciousness the temple of the living Good. Let nothing abide in it that is unlike the glorified. Separate all belief from your thought and see everyone as God's idea. Give error no power in *belief* and you will not locate it in personality. Your belief in it makes you an avenue for it and to it. You can now become a student of divine metaphysics for you have strength, a quiet environment and no stubborn, self-imposed problems. By self-imposed I mean imposed by a belief in a selfhood opposed to God.

Remember to be meek, gentle and quiet, so that *God* may speak and not human will.

I *know* it was not of God "the suggestion came that I should go to B——" so, dear, watch with the Mind that enables us to think intelligently on any subject.

God will not allow you to be "tempted above that ye are able." If we guard well our thought, the false consciousness which is the opponent of good, cannot enter and make us its mouthpiece. I Cor. 10:13

I know you will be unselfish and not indulge your love of letter writing beyond what is dictated by true wisdom and consideration. It is not best for you and is a burden to me. I know you will understand this for God will show it you.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 14, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Your application of the verse from Song of Solomon is beautiful and I shall have to incorporate it in my paper; do you not think so?

This lesson is magnificent, and I feel you are getting much out of it. The Truth is Life, and it is time for the manifestation of the higher understanding of God to appear. So our lesson says. That passage thrilled me the first time I read it, this week, and I have tried to send it out into consciousness ever since.

Dear heart, my forever love goes out to you. I know that you are winning the crown of victory. "You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being."

S. & H. 403

God is with you for you are His presence and can know no other Mind than the One. I have such confidence in your faithfulness. God is good. Oh, *be* good, darling! "Fight the good fight." Lay hold on Life. There is nothing to do but to witness for God.

I Tim. 6:12

Po. 4

Love is our refuge; only with mine eye
Can I behold the snare, the pit, the fall:

This summer I have so realized that the material world, or rather material sense, is the snare, the pit, the fall. But:

His habitation high is here, and nigh,
His arm encircles me, and mine, and all.

That declaration is continually in my heart and frequently on my lips. I know that the divine, spiritual Law of health, holiness, and immortality encircles you now and ever and forever. No sense of matter can

be real to you. You have gone through too much of the testimony of false sense not to know that it cannot do anything but lie. You are in the realm of intelligent thinking and of substance-thought. You have sifted out the testimony of material sense and found it to be contrary to fact, to common sense, to law, to order, and to reality. Wake, dearest, and enjoy the good things that God has prepared for those who love Him. That is, reflect that infinite, divine Love which is creative Mind, and so reveal the teeming universe of the Real.

Did you not love the last pamphlet? Mrs. Stetson is working very faithfully over the compilation and editing of her letters, sermons, addresses, etc. It will be a monumental work, and a most valuable book.

Write me, dear, and if you need help let me give it you. My love goes out to you unceasingly and you are so near my thought that you have but to go to Principle and we meet in divine Mind. So much, much love to you both, and oh, dear, I have gained so much this summer. God gave me six weeks of entire freedom from care. During that time I read, studied, thought and realized. Now I feel so rich, so through and through strong and well and free. It does not seem as if anything could be a burden. I prayed all the time, "Oh, God don't let it be anything but the Spirit that is fortifying and giving me this sense of health and endless strength." As an answer to my prayer, as it seemed to me, a woman came to me while in a hotel and the result was a beautiful case of healing. Oh, it was God's own blessing to me, for I knew by that the hours and hours of prayer and reaching out to God that I had spent were blessed and fruitful.

Love is all; there is no other presence, and that

presence fills all for it is the manifestation of infinite good.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 16, 1912.

BELOVED:

Your little letter was an unexpected pleasure and bright welcome to me as I came into my office. Last Saturday I felt it was the time to run up and speak a few words of precious truth to you and reflect a little love. It was a happy day. It rejoices me to see your progress and to find you responsive to the word. Each time, I notice more capacity to receive metaphysics and more intelligent apprehension of spiritual facts. Do you know, can you know what joy this is to me?

You are now having a time of quiet assimilation of the truth that you have imbibed like a thirsty plant. I need not say, study the lesson faithfully, for that you will do. But, in addition read the other writings of our Leader. You can familiarize yourself with this rich library.

The current lesson shows us that for anything to have substance it must be the pure expression, the perfect image, of perfect thought. In order to bring this into our experience we must empty the vessel already full, divest ourselves of old habits of thought. This is done by rebuking sense testimony, quickening our intuitive recognition of right and wrong, bringing quick, true judgment to bear, and immediately destroying error with the full conviction and declaration of the allness of good and the nothingness of evil.

Blessed child, God is leading you, oh so safely. You

are the sheep of His pasture, the object of His tenderest care.

Whenever you need me I am right here. I shall not be away at all for I feel the necessity of keeping very close and clinging fast to Principle.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 18, 1912.

DEAR ——:

I am sending you by this mail one knocker. The other three designs were to me unsatisfactory, unworthy and even erroneous symbols. This one, however, is sweet and good. Let it be to you a constant declaration that nothing can enter your house, consciousness, but that which will upbuild the true, the substantial and enduring, that house eternal in the heavens (harmony) that hath foundations and is not made with hands, material thoughts, but is built by God, pure Mind reflected. Will you put this on your own door until I find something better? In the meantime, and at all times, let us remember the words of the Christ: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20

Lovingly your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 19, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your bright, cheery letter. Yes, it was "sunshine within" on Sunday. I feel it was a profitable day and a happy one.

The gladiolas are still radiating their beauty. These last ones, dear, have been particularly fine. We have all enjoyed them oh, so much. Both houses have been richly decorated. Are they not satisfactory? What a dear, generous child you are! You are constantly with us, dear—your thought manifested in beauty and utility. God is blessing you; He is giving His children
I Tim. 6:17 "richly all things to enjoy." The *things* He gives are spiritual and are spiritually discerned. I am praying constantly for that perception which enables us to
S. & H. 337 behold God's creation,—God's thoughts as they "exist in the spiritual realm of the real."

In proportion as we seek and find the kingdom of pure Mind, we shall find ourselves emancipated from mortal conditions and their enslaving demands, and rejoice in spiritual, immortal conditions with their uplifting, joy-inspiring occupations.

There is such an affluence in God's bounty, such a
S. & H. 106 freedom in His law! "Man is properly self-governed only when he is guided rightly and governed by his Maker, divine Truth and Love." Love is our native atmosphere, and constitutes the only normal government. We are learning to *know* this and have shaken off many of the shackles of materiality and self-deception. How glorious is the liberty of the sons of God! The freedom from fear, from self, from ignorance, from wrong environment, from heredity, from self-love in all its subtle forms of pride and custom and habit. We are entering into possession of this promised dominion, this consciousness that acknowledges and yields to but one Power,—Good. The Word has gone forth conquering and to conquer, for it is the only Word, the only expression of Power. Nothing but Life, Truth, Love can have expression. God is, and nothing else is.

His creation expresses Him, so the Word *is* the true creation, the Christ of God, or infinite manifestation of infinite Mind. You are of this perfect creation, and are under the protection of this perfect Law. Error can have no place, no power, no manifestation, no argument.

Love is All and in all, and reflected by all that is real.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 22, 1912.

BELOVED:

Such strong, real thoughts of you come to me, and I always send them on to you. Yes, it is true you can have but one teacher, but it is also true to me that you have an understanding of the Truth far beyond any practitioner you could get who has not had true teaching. All you need is to apply your understanding of the Science. Send for me to handle the fear coincident with the operation of truth causing chemicalization. I cannot bear the thought of your being inoculated with a human quality of treatment. I *know* you can rise, and obey the inspiration of Love rather than the motions of sin which is in your members, as a claim. Have no fear, darling.

In my last letter I spoke of mental isolation. This you must not feel, for you are nearer than ever before. I feel a growth, development of thought in you that betokens the woman, no longer the child. This is the growth, or rather the revealing of mentality. This strength will manifest itself in form, outline, and color. The seeming material accompaniment is but belief and will change as the thought changes.

In the third edition of Science and Health, Mrs. Eddy says: "We know the spiritual fact is the scientific fact of all things. If the spiritual fact is correctly duplicated by mortal thought it presents harmony and the idea of Truth, as in the action of the universe; but if it be inverted and called discord by mortal thought, and becomes thus to mortal belief, it loses its resemblance to the reality. . . . What we term matter is unintelligent; it cannot say I suffer, I die, I am sick, or I am well; it is mortal mind that says this, and it appears to this mind according to its own statement."

We find the corresponding statement in the current edition on page two hundred and seven:

> The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth. Spiritual facts are not inverted; the opposite discord, which bears no resemblance to spirituality, is not real. The only evidence of this inversion is obtained from suppositional error, which affords no proof of God, Spirit, or of the spiritual creation. Material sense defines all things materially, and has a finite sense of the infinite.

As I was reading the lesson this morning, I stopped at the first Bible reference and thought it out. "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil." Then it must be that as we are quickened by the Spirit we know that all flesh or materiality is sin: then as this came to me I just poured into universal consciousness a flood of light (I know there went out a little ray anyway) a wave of love to destroy mortal erring sense and call all who would hear into the ark of understanding. We must operate the lesson this week. There is so much, much that I

Hab. 1:13

would like to write you about it but I want to get a word to you tonight and it is already late.

Love to you both, dear ones.

Faithfully and lovingly always,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 1, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Your expression of love has cheered and strengthened me. It is tangible evidence of what the blessed Science has done for you.

Through the operation of Love, you are able to go out into the world to sow and reap and bring in your sheaves. You have heard the trumpet call and have wakened sufficiently from the Adam dream to struggle with the mesmerism of personal sense, and free yourself from the illusionary shackles of suppositional evil.

Walk steadily on, dear heart, in the straight and narrow way whose sweet secret is known to you. It is an "open secret, understood by few—or by none—and unutterable except in Christian Science." Let me rehearse this sweet secret, in the faith and hope that someone, in the silent watches of some great need, may catch its meaning. It is this: God is Love. Love is infinite Mind. Mind is expressed. Christ is the expression, or creation, or revelation. There is but one God and but one Christ. Mind expressed is the Word, or Christ, or real Man. We as spiritual ideas, are members of this one Christ. The one Mind and its manifestation is the All of Truth. Divine Science demonstrates or proves this. My. 261

Jesus used this Science and proved man's at-one-ment with God. Mary Baker Eddy discerned the Law by

which Jesus worked; Augusta E. Stetson has, through the operation of this law of divine intelligence, which is love, received the spiritual understanding of Christian Science. I, as her student, have by the same Holy Spirit been enabled to apprehend in some degree this gospel, and have reflected to you enough of the "Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," to plant your feet in the true path, which leads to immortality, or the conscious realization of your oneness with God.

John 1:9

Po. 4

This is the "sweet secret of the narrow way." To walk in it, we must follow our Leader as she follows Christ. We must make unreal any seeming contradiction of the allness of good, by refusing to be an exponent of evil of any kind, sort or description, knowing that any such contradiction is but the false testimony of erring sense. We must recognize sin, disease and death as error, as a false claim. We must overcome the mesmerism, hypnotism, and animal magnetism of material mentality (so-called) by knowing and demonstrating their powerlessness—their nothingness. We are witnesses that God is God, the only Power, the only presence, the only reality.

Should the way seem narrower, at any time, than you can see for the moment, come and sit in the beautiful chair that love has placed here. Rest for the moment in its kindly welcome. We will talk of the "deep things of God"; we will eat together at His table; drink of the water of Life. You will arise refreshed and strengthened to find that though the way *is* narrow, it is *straight*. It never bends from the most direct course to the infinitude of Reality.

I Cor. 2:10

Unmeasured love to you and to all your dear ones.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 20, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Today I have been from one end of town to the other, in response to calls for help, from Highbridge to Hoboken, and "intermediate stations." But oh, the blessed Truth! What joy it brings! And what strength it gives us to minister to other's needs.

Your letter and package came this morning and this evening your special letter with enclosed mileage book. Dear, your never ceasing flow of manifested love is wonderful and melts me quite to tears. Your reflection of the one divine Love is precious; it helps and cheers me in my work. We have covenanted with God to acknowledge no other creator, and if we are faithful to all this implies and demands, we shall speak the word with power and bless all whom our thoughts rest upon. Our Leader says of Jesus: "He was inspired by God, by Truth and Love, in all that he said and did." What a statement! What a standard is held up for us. It is the truth of being and must be demonstrated by every one. Such gratitude to God for the Master, for the Leader, for the teacher, for the understanding of the Truth that has come to me, for you, blessed child, and for all God's goodness; such gratitude, I say, wells up in my heart that it seems to me as if I must go up on the housetops and cry out to all, "Come and see how good God is!" And then I think, why I can do that; thought is force, I can *think* it out into consciousness; I can let my light so shine in thought and word and deed that men will behold the glory of reflection and be quickened to themselves seek Principle and find their own oneness with "the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

S. & H. 51

James 1:17

You will always find someone hungry for the bread you have to give. I rejoice that you are giving it to others. Mrs. Eddy says: "Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil." Know thyself as God's child, the manifestation of pure Mind, infinite Love, omnipotent Truth. Jesus said: "As the Father knoweth me, *even so* know I the Father." This implies perfect knowledge, absolute understanding. This is our heritage for we are joint heirs with Christ.

S. & H. 571

John 10:15

Ever faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
November 2, 1912.

DEAR ——:

A little word to you, Beloved, on this beautiful lesson, for you will get this, Sunday noon probably.

The responsive reading impresses me strongly. It is an urgent call to liberate, feed, clothe and entertain the Christ idea, the true concept. We can do this only as we *reflect* the creative Mind. Mrs. Eddy says: "The time for thinkers has come." As Mind is divine and infinite, a "thinker" is a manifestor of Mind,—Life, Truth, Love. To *think* then, is to reflect God; to represent Him; to *be* the enunciator of Truth, the executor of justice and mercy—the law of Love.

S. & H. Pref. vii

I see more and more clearly the importance, yea the absolute necessity, of witnessing to the one Mind, by being, speaking and acting only as moved by pure Mind. In order to do this, we must constantly handle, or declare against, denounce, the claim of a mortal mentality that we may break the mesmerism of belief. Then we must proclaim the infinitude

of good, by letting nothing but God be manifest in our lives.

Jesus so ardently desired this for himself and all the world, that the great cry went out from him to the Father Love, "not my will, but thine, be done." He knew that in the operation of God's will was absolute joy and freedom, and an exercise of individuality as the son of God. Let us follow in the footsteps of our Master, and so be lifted up into the conscious possession of Truth, Substance, that we may feed the Christ in ourselves and in others. Whenever you see the tender shoot of the wheat, let your reflection of Love feed it; water it with the dews of appreciation; clothe it with the freshness and vigor of hope and faith; protect it from the cutting blast of criticism or ridicule; pluck out from around it the choking, noxious tares—pride and self-love, sloth and indolence, envy and jealousy, fear and ignorance. Be ever careful to feed the wheat and *starve* the tares—exercise the qualities of truth, and extirpate the false qualities of error or mortal mind.

Luke 22:42

What a beautiful reference in Hosea: "Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and *wait on thy God continually*."

Hosea 12:6

The child thought is brought out so beautifully in the sixth section of the lesson. Only as we come in the might of meekness and in the purity of spiritual sense can we apprehend the simplicity of Truth. Human intellect must melt at the presence of Mind, divine intelligence.

But I have touched upon an infinite theme. It is already late and I want to get this in before ten o'clock.

Much love,

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 10, 1912.

DEAR A——, God's idea, the reflection of pure Mind, the image and likeness of Truth, Life and Love. This is how I think of you; this is as I know you, for I have
II Cor. 5:16 determined henceforth to know "no man after the flesh." The battle has been on to such a height that I have not found time to write although you have been much in my
S. & H. 323 thought. "Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause,—wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory."

I am thankful for this extended warm weather. It makes it easier for you all. I am claiming it for God, declaring that much of the false claim of bitter cruelty, of man's inhumanity to man, has been destroyed by the Christian Scientists' reflection of divine Love.

I could have cried when I saw the ten dollar bill in your letter. I wanted to mail it right back to you, for I know it was a sacrifice on your part of many things that are right for you to have. Then I could not; for I thought that would be to doubt the Giver of all good and your sonship with Him. So I took it and it wonderfully met my immediate need, dear.

Let me hear from you. You know the Truth. You have your books and with such help as I can give you from time to time you will wear out the claim; the claim cannot wear you out; remember that. I am constantly working, as you know, and lifting myself, and never a day passes that I do not send you a thought, but I do not regularly treat you except at intervals, more or less short, because I think it is best for you to do your own growing.

Watch, dear heart, that you do not let anything smolder and lie hidden in your thought. It is a terrible

thing that you allowed something that "jarred" you to be secreted all these months when I was doing all I could to help you. Do you not see this? Open your heart to the searching of divine Love. Be honest with yourself and with me and with all.

There is no matter. There is but one Mind and our Leader says, "The time for thinkers has come." Then surely the claim of false mentality has yielded enough to the Truth for us to think—to operate—Mind, to reflect Love, to be a manifestor of good. S. & H. Pref. vii

Since there is but one Mind there can be but one mental. Count yourself as mental. Pray the Daily Prayer enjoined by our Leader: "'Thy kingdom come;' let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!" This *me* stands for the whole human consciousness and each one of the members voices the Ego in making the imperative declaration, "Thy kingdom come." Man. 41

The law of spiritual gravitation drawing every idea to Principle is the destruction of all belief in hypnotism, mesmerism and animal magnetism. Beloved, now are you the son of God. I shall work tonight to rise higher and reflect more steadily, more strongly to you, "the true Light, which lighteth every man." John 1:9

Yes, I know the poem you quote. It is great. A real touch of divine understanding.

Love to you always.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 10, 1912.

Dear, brave fighter, lift your head above the mists; know that Truth is immutable and is "the same yester-

Heb. 13:8 day, and today, and for ever." There is no fear, no excited condition of thought. While Truth is overturning, overturning, overturning the false claims to power and kingdom, God's own everlasting dominion remains upright and intact, and man reflects this dominion—manifests it. You are *home now*. Stationary stillness belongs to true consciousness. Love *is* enthroned. You *are* built up in Christ, a loyal, living, intelligent member of the one Body—God's man, God's image, the likeness, reflection of pure Mind. There is in this Mind no element of discord or decay, nor is there in its likeness.

Awake thou! Christ gives thee light! This light is infinite, illuming the universe. It is love, the irradiance of Love. Nothing can shadow it. This light is life, the effect of Life. Life and its life *is* harmonious, indestructible, ever-present and ever presented by its idea.

Yes, there has been a great rally since our dear sister let the standard drop from her hands for a seeming moment. She, I know, must have at once struggled to her feet and is pushing on steadily and faithfully in the line of light. She never turned and fled, although the battle or sharp skirmish found her in some way either exposed on some dangerous point or perhaps not watchful enough. I do not know. This I do know that however we may regret and deplore the failure to demonstrate, she cannot be held back, nor is she absent from her place, for God has "set the members . . . in the body, as it hath pleased him." She was and is loyal to this place, and if the veil of illusion hides her from us, we will work the harder to keep the unity of the body, and rise into that stature of the real man and know ourselves as children of God, not as children of

I Cor. 12:18

men. As our Leader says, we belong "to no lesser parent." S. & H. 529

The lesson is grand and you are strengthened by it I know. I feel strong and free, and oh so grateful for your steadfast faith.

Now be strong, dear heart. God is All. You are included in this All. Love, dear love to you both.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 18, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Your cheery postal was promptly followed by your promised letter. I am glad you like the little home and that you are surrounded by friends, for they *are* your friends if you will but take advantage of their presenting you with a problem to work. And yet there is a problem only to erring human sense. They are witnesses to the Truth even as you are. The false concept cannot hide from your clear perception their real selfhood, inseparable from God, and each constituting a member of the body of Christ. What though error, medical, theological, theosophical, so-called scientific, or any of the myriad names for the same ignorance, what though error, I say, seems to obtain, to create and rule a universe of its own, we know that it is not true. Its counterfeit substance is illusion; its law and methods are beliefs. To prove this is the problem we all have to work out, by the one unchanging rule: Thou shalt have no other God but Spirit, Mind, Life, Truth, Love. This God is the Principle governing all true phenomena. The time for these true phenomena to appear is *now*, for they are mental, and our Leader, says, "The time for thinkers has come." S. & H. Pref. vii

Then the time for dreamers has *ceased*. Wake up,
Isa. 52:1 60:1 beloved. "Put on thy beautiful garments." Rise,
"shine; for thy light is come." "The night is far
Rom. 13:12 spent, the day is at hand." Never give up. Do not
yield to error. As Mrs. Eddy says, "grapple with and
S. & H. 569 overcome the mortal belief in a power opposed to God."
There is no power opposed to God. Belief is mental
and there can be no such mental for there is *one* Mind
S. & H. 305 and that one "brings immortality to light."

Do not be afraid of the play of mortal thought. There is no such thing as mental malpractice unless you concede that there is a malpractitioner. God peoples the universe with His own spiritual ideas. Abide in
Ps. 91:1 that universe, "under the shadow of the Almighty," in that consciousness whose secret path no fowl of the air has ever found.

You are under the law of pure Mind; nothing but the operation of that Love can reach you. Present your body—the image, effect, likeness of absolute Truth. Realize your at-one-ment with God. There is no physical body to consider. What seems to be such is an illusion of mortal mentality. Open the most hidden recesses of your heart to the sunlight of Truth and let the substance-thought appear, and displace the shadow.

I know that you are mental, spiritual, substantial, immortal. I feel the quality of your thought—strong, true, free, clear and buoyant. This is *you* to me, and I love it. This indestructible individuality must present appearance, for, as *Science and Health* says,
S. & H. 512 "Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love."

Faithfully, lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 1, 1912.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for going to meet the children. They did not come because they were not ready. It was their own thought to come, but that thought was not quite strong enough to carry them there. Until it is, it is wiser and better, in every way, to leave them alone; leave them with their own Christ, who will lead them gently and safely out of the dream into the realization of infinite, universal Truth and Love. I am not at all disappointed, for I had absolutely no personal wish in the matter. Every one is individual, and is governed by Spirit, not by matter.

Every day is a Thanksgiving day, and today is big with blessings. Count these blessings and you will find them beyond human computation, and that they require the infinite calculus of Spirit.

Very unexpectedly, in fact at half an hour's notice, I went up to Sheffield for over the holiday. I found some work for Truth waiting for me, so it was a real Thanksgiving.

Love and Truth are the only Power. We handle serpents, the suggestions of any other power, by refusing to listen to these suggestions and by silencing them with the declaration of God's allness. You are a witness for Love, not for fear, for God's allness, not that He is *some*times All but *always* and under *all* circumstances. There is nothing else.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 22, 1912.

DEAR ——:

The circle of beautiful pearls was and is a lovely emblem. That and the amethyst were the only jewels

I wore Saturday night. Your father will tell you all about the reception. It was wonderful. We estimate that there were more than six hundred people there; and such wonderful people! I had some precious lambs there; some well grown sheep too. The teacher was a giant of strength and gave me a great sense of universality and power. As you say it was "presence of Mind."

Yes, I will treat you this evening. I know now that divine Truth nourishes you; Love warms you and sustains Her own idea in the entirety of perfect reflection. You lack nothing for God is your source of being, your Father, your all. Nothing can come to you but from that One and that One is good. Draw on this Life. "Break forth into singing." Science is a divine *utterance*. The infinite Mind must be *spoken*. We have the Bible and Science and Health because some one spoke the Truth, uttered the Word. The Christ is the manifestation of Love. Dear heart, talk your truth, write it, look it, express it to those about you; declare it; do anything rather than shut it up within yourself. You have the understanding; think it out into the world. David said, "the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue."

Love, love, love unmeasured to my beloved student.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Your special delivery letter was received Saturday night. There was no moment on Sunday that I could reply to it. I have been working earnestly on it, and have now sat down to write you, as best I know.

The error is uncovered, therefore two-thirds destroyed. Your reflection has done this work. Now,

let the remaining third destroy itself. Clear your thought of it. *Know* the unreality of sin. See God's idea as the only reality. Separate yourself from the illusion or the belief of a mortal. *Stay* in Mind with God's child, but cut off the human as much as possible. When you write your brother, fill your mind with Truth and Love, then the radiation of your thought will bless him and all. Write him wholesome, steady, cheery letters, neither long nor frequent. Do not let his thought fasten upon you. Send him to God, and find him in Mind, in Spirit, in Truth. *Know* that he can find you *only* in God, never in the false human sense, or concept. Treat yourself, not him; there will be enough *radiation* to heal him, if he is receptive.

Tuesday morning. Letter just received. Handle impersonal evil and the claim of a mortal mind and its embodiment. You *know* there is no world but the "kingdom of God [which] is within you." Handle the argument that would suggest and present to you a false, material, shadowy, substanceless world filled with false appetites and illusive images of mortal mind. Destroy your own belief in evil and its resultant conditions. There is no vicarious atonement. All must work out their own salvation, wake up from their own dream. All you have to do is to *shine*, then the claim or belief of darkness cannot touch you. Shout the truth into consciousness and all will hear this truth and respond to its imperative call. The cry has gone forth. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." No one can be deaf or disobedient to that summons. We have heard the word that "the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

Luke 17:21

Eph. 5:14

John 5:25

Everyone who is silencing the suggestions of error;

everyone who is refusing to believe in more than one Power; everyone who is declaring the omnipotence of Love, the Allness of Good, the omnipresence of Truth and the immortality of Man; everyone who steadfastly witnesses in thought, word and deed, to this immortal fact, and refuses to evidence any other consciousness; such as these have set the trumpet to their mouth and heaven and earth and suppositional hell are even now echoing and reëchoing the thundering blasts of that trumpet. If "thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth . . . saith the Lord."

Jer. 15 19, 20

Separate truth from error in your own thought. It is already done. And "God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light *Day*, and the darkness he called Night. And the *evening* and the *morning* were the first *day*." For "there shall be no night there."

Gen. 1:4, 5

Rev. 21:25

As the belief of life in matter, illusive error, sin, loses its seeming substance, your brother will find his own way out. You are right when you say that "legal steps should not be necessary for the release of a well man from a hospital." Let him take up his life where he finds it, and work his problem with however little conscious light he may have. It is sufficient. He will thus be let out safely, and in God's time. Otherwise you might bring upon yourself a problem which would obscure your own reflection.

I know that God is All and that you are in Him.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

John 4:23

Your generous giving of what was given you is an inspiration. I know "the hour cometh, and now is"

when the unlimited bounty of creative Mind will be apparent to us and we shall utilize it unsparingly. This creative everpresence is our Principle, our Being, our Life; it is natural for us to reflect it, embody it and produce from it. The opposite *belief* is but belief; understanding destroys the condition of such beliefs; they are ignorant, mythical and pagan, and belong to an ignorant, superstitious and heathen consciousness. Let us use our God-given intelligence to *unlearn* this false education, break the bonds and fetters of sin, and rise free at the imperative call of Truth—"come out from among them, and be ye separate." II Cor. 6:17

The Spirit is working mightily, and the latent errors in human consciousness are being brought to the surface where we can handle them and destroy them forever. Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:30 All who have taken this yoke upon them are finding these words of the Master Metaphysician to be true, for although we have to meet the pressure of the reversing of the material senses, still there is a joy and a buoyancy in the heart, as we encounter the rebuffs and kickbacks of error, that lift us above the mists and shadows of fear and doubts and all the substanceless illusions of the Adam dream. In this hour, we must plant our feet on the solid Rock of spiritual understanding, and let the seething foam and confusion of nothingness fret itself out. Love is omnipotent, and we know it; we have proved it to be Power; we must demonstrate and exemplify in our lives that it is the *only* Power; then we can say with Jesus, "the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14:30 What blessed assurance comes to us when we realize that Jesus was the Way-shower and that as we follow the Leader, who is following him, we shall tread in his footsteps, gain the same

victories and attain the same goal—immortality. The lesson on Truth is full of teaching, you will find much in it to strengthen you. Never forget that we have a Leader who does not falter as she steps into the shadow of belief, but who walks on steadily, keeping the prize of the high calling in Christ constantly in sight. She is *reversing* the law of universal mortal belief, so that individuals may hereafter *live* under the law of Spirit, and rise into their full dominion.

My. 357 There is no matter. "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

You are finding the energies of the divine Will, and you will find the utter non-productiveness of the human will, for God is the only Mind.

Eph. 4:6 Love is with you, "above all, and through all, and in you all."

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

R—— came in like a ray of pure sunshine, radiating God's own light. I know it is best for him to be here where he can imbibe the spirit of Love by which he can discern the Christ anywhere and everywhere. We are in the School of Christian Science now, *learning how* to see and hear and touch, in fact bringing out our spiritual senses which abide in Love. We are learning how to think God's thoughts after Him; and we need to be very careful to listen for that Mind by which, through which and in which we can think rightly, purely, truly.

R—— is growing like a flower and we must keep him in the pure atmosphere of spiritual understanding as

much as possible. Some day he will do beautiful things for God and Christian Science.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Your good letter deserved an immediate reply, and I am sorry that I have not been able to write before this.

It has been, and is, a joy to me to note the growth in your thought. Your clear analysis of conditions; your definite mental attitude; your evident desire to stand steadfast for Truth, to be found fighting in the ranks; your fearless defense of right thinking; all this brings a glow of joy to me and is a harbinger of ultimate victory over all the phantom beliefs of mortal seeming.

Press on in the line of light, dear. Every moment can be given to Truth. What you read you make your own only as you embody it in your daily life.

I often hear people say that they are obliged to give so much time to material things! I think that this statement arises from a mistaken sense. There is but one Principle or Mind—Life, Truth, Love. This is Power, Spirit. All true activity must be the operation of Mind expressing Life, Truth, Love. To *know* this is to be conscious of power. The exercise of this power is man's prerogative and essential character.

Intelligence is a basic quality of *Mind* and Mind is Love. Intelligence is an element of Love and cannot be found apart from Love—Spirit. The exercise of intelligence is then spiritual, not material.

Our Leader says: "Christian Science reveals Truth and Love as the motive-powers of man." Claim, accept no other motive-power, and the resultant effect will be spiritual progress. S. & H. 490

Mis. 60 S. & H. 514

It matters not what the phenomenon may seem to be; "Every material belief hints the existence of spiritual reality"; every so-called material labor, task, occupation, if met with honesty (which is spiritual power), with intelligence (which is a quality of Mind, God), with promptness, diligence and perseverance (which are the cattle on a thousand hills and "carry the baggage of stern resolve,") with joy, meekness, gentleness, peace, love (which are the fruits of the Spirit), if so met, every act is a labor of love, and glorifies all. Such work is mental activity which will by degrees overcome every seeming material obstacle and ultimately reveal the true universe and man as the image of God, the full likeness of immortal Truth, even the imperishable glory and radiance of Being.

It is for this that we are faithful in the discharge of the minutest task. Each daily, hourly deed affords an opportunity to individualize spiritual power; thus we bring forward our true identity as sons and daughters of God.

As I am writing, the great suffrage parade is going on. I have felt great interest in it and expected to witness the beautiful pageant. But at the last moment, I decided to stay quietly here and send out into consciousness the declaration that the Government is on the shoulder of Christ; that this Christ, or image and likeness of God, is compound idea, reflecting God as Father-Mother, not as a corporeal being.

I know that this declaration will be inaudible to the physical ear, but it will be heard by the men and women marching today. It will help to inspire them to continue in their efforts to uplift themselves and all humanity. The human footsteps must be taken which will bring about equality of the sexes and then continues

until it is demonstrated that "Union of the masculine and feminine qualities constitutes completeness. The masculine mind reaches a higher tone through certain elements of the feminine, while the feminine mind gains courage and strength through masculine qualities." Then is realized that blessed estate which "presents the unity of male and female as no longer two wedded individuals, but as two individual natures in one; and this compounded spiritual individuality reflects God as Father-Mother, not as a corporeal being. In this divinely united spiritual consciousness, there is no impediment to eternal bliss,—to the perfectibility of God's creation." S. & H. 57 S. & H. 577

What a sublime statement! To demonstrate this statement should engage our sincerest efforts, our complete devotion.

Give my love to each one of you.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR MRS. ——:

I have just heard with regret that your interest in Christian Science has been cut off by something you have been reading.

The pursuit of Truth is so vital to us all that I am taking the liberty, which my sincere interest in you gives me, to beg of you not to let yourself be influenced by the opinions and views of anyone whose thought has been perverted by some personal, limited experience; an experience that, doubtless, has been the outcome of purely human or mortal qualities, such as pride of intellect, rationalism, materiality, sensitiveness or any

of the myriad qualities that go to make up opinion and dogma.

Will you not come in some day and let us have a frank, open talk? Come just as you would to a friend, not for treatment, but as a fellow worshipper of Truth.

Truth cannot be formulated into a creed, nor can it be set forth in any human dogma. It must be the Principle of all real existence. It must be immutable in its nature and consequently immortal. It must be appreciable to a *true* sense *only*, —to one of its own imparted qualities—such as purity, consistency, fidelity, sincerity, integrity. These are also qualities of Mind. Indeed Truth *is* Mind. Jesus was moved, influenced only by this Mind which is Truth for he said:

John 14:30 "the prince of this world [carnal, limited sense] cometh, and hath nothing in me."

Jesus' works, which are ignorantly called miracles, were the outcome of true intelligence, a constituent, fundamental element of Mind. As these works are beneficent, we conclude that Mind is Love. He taught and proved that God is Love and he claimed this Power as his Father. He repudiated the actuality of any other father, any other origin, motive-power or mind than this omnipotent Love. He said it was what "worked in" him. Paul called this Power Mind, and exhorted,

Phil. 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

The human mind bases all its conclusions on evidence drawn from the five material senses, therefore we designate this mind, which properly is not mind at all, the fleshly mind. Paul said that it was enmity against God and that it warred with Spirit or true Mind. It can take no cognizance of Truth, nor can it receive any evidence from or of Spirit.

In his conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus emphasized this fact. He said: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." We must turn completely away from the rationalism of material mentality and derive all our concepts from the revelation and inspiration of Soul,—God. In other words, we must call no man our father on the earth for one is our Father which is in heaven. That is, we are mental beings, then let us credit only the ideas of Mind, not the false concepts of non-intelligent matter called brain; Paul says "then shall I know even as also I am known." John 3:3 1Cor. 13:12

Mrs. Eddy has caught from Mind, the light of true understanding and has by the operation of this true, intelligent force, been able to explain the works of Jesus and to elucidate his words.

What Jesus *said* was in explanation of what he *did;* and what he *did* was in exemplification of what he *said.* Both words and works were based on divine Principle or fundamental Truth and were in direct opposition to material sense.

Science and Health is a *textbook.* It needs to be carefully studied without prejudice. The hypothesis upon which the syllogism of the whole book is erected is: "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" All is Mind; there is no matter. All reality is the phenomenon of this one Mind. My. 357

Like Jesus, Mrs. Eddy had to meet the opposition of the material senses. Every demonstrator of a science has had to do so, throughout the ages. It is not to be wondered at that the highest truth, the most spiritual understanding, should arouse the most resistance, both in individual and in universal consciousness.

Everyone in some way and in some degree, resists the

spiritual. Mrs. Eddy, speaking of the ability to per-
S. & H. 85 ceive and acknowledge Truth, says: "This Soul-sense comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the divine Mind."

Forgive me, if I have gone too far in my desire to say something to offset the arguments that have presented themselves to you. I shall be very glad to see you at any time. To make sure that I do not miss you, should you come in, please telephone me.

Sincerely yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Up to the last moment I expected to come to you and was then so situated that I could not telephone you.

Dear child, you are being forced by divine Love to place your whole trust and confidence in Principle, are
I Cor. 10:13 you not? I know God will not let you be "tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape." These are surely the days of fiery trial, but we know in whom we trust, none less than our own Father-Mother-God, the all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present Love. Surely, we have nothing to fear when we have this confidence! We can
Rom. 8:38, 39 say with Paul: "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor *any other creature*, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus," or in any other manifestation of God.

Suppositional evil is powerless to make me believe any of its false arguments, its lies, or deceptions. Mortal mind cannot influence you, by any claim, to a qual-

ity that works ill, such as envy, jealousy, greed, avarice, self-will, self-love, sensitiveness, malice, ignorance, pride, hypocrisy, lust, sensuality, carnal mind; there is no hypnotism, mesmerism, nor animal magnetism; error cannot voice itself through the beliefs of scholasticism, materia medica, theosophy, agnosticism nor any other dream belief; there is no Adam dreamer, and no Eve dream, consequently there is no resultant generation; there is no personal sense, no corporeal man, woman, nor child, no such belief, illusion, deception. All space is filled with Spirit; there is no matter, no flesh, blood or bones. There is no physical anatomy, no physiology, no science dealing with matter; there is no material universe, no material law. There is nothing but God, who is Spirit, Mind, Life, Truth, Love. This Principle is expressed fully, entirely, finally and sufficiently in the Universe, including Man. This is the Word and "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." You and I and all can do naught else than witness to this great, glorious Truth. This is our right, privilege and imperative, unavoidable, unalterable reason for being. To thus witness is joy beyond human language to express. There can be no discouragement, no depression, no failure, no disappointment for God sustains, maintains and operates His own idea. There is but one Mind, and this Mind knows only its own perfection of beauty and harmony. There is no discord, no misapprehension, no misunderstanding because, as there is only one Mind, there can be no disagreement, no conflict. There is perfect rhythm of head and heart, of intelligence and love, for they are one. The Lord's Prayer is indeed, as our Leader declares, the prayer of Isa. 43:10

Soul, not of sense. We must turn our thought com-
S. & H. 15 pletely away from sense. "In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we must deny sin and plead God's allness."

Note how the spiritual interpretation of the Lord's Prayer is the emphatic response to the prayer. It is
Gen. 1:3 like the *response* to, "Let there be light: and *there was light.*"

Dear one, it is so late, nearly half after one, that I cannot mail this tonight, or rather so early in the morning. But I know you are mental and have received every word of this *in its spirit* and in its truth. God is watching over His own universe and you are His beloved child, His thought, enfolded in His love and provident care.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Our beloved B—— cannot be, for an instant, separated
S. & H. 325 from Truth. We must rise to find her "'hid with Christ in God,'—with Truth in divine Love, where human sense hath not seen man."

Her loyal fight is and shall be an inspiration to us all. And, dear, you have been brave and true. Be strong, dear heart. Nothing but Principle and idea can be real to you; nothing but Love reflected in love can be "image." I pray the dear Father to send out His light and His truth more abundantly to meet your need. I know you are irradiated by this ever-present light and are uplifted by a conscious sense of your oneness with all God's perfect, harmonious, living creation.

We know that our precious sister is making her at-one-ment with Life more consciously than ever before.

She is facing the light, pressing on to victory over every sense testimony. She is with us, and we *must know* it! We must "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good." Matter—illusion—is *not* good. We must recognize our membership in Christ; find our divine relationship to Jesus, to Mary, to Augusta, to each other; we must build on a "wholly spiritual foundation"; we can rise together and break the illusion of a material sense of man and the universe.

S. & H. 393

My. 357

My love is flowing out to you, to your dear parents, and most of all to B——. She knows no separation, no disappointment, for she feels the dear Love ever near.

Now I feel that I must go home. We must stand firm as an anvil around our precious teacher. Love, love, love.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BASKET SEVEN

Letters 1913

January 3, 1913.

DEAR ——:

This has been a happy week for you, I know, for you have been reflecting love to so many, and the world is that much enriched and you are blessed.

It has been a very busy week and one full of victories. God is making strong demands and I must rise to meet them. It means "absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire." The day does not seem long enough to do all faithfully.

S. & H. 3

Today a fuller sense of gratitude came to me and flooded my thought. I felt how *un*grateful I have been, how unappreciative; how many things have been done for me and I have just accepted them and taken it as a matter of course. I could have wept with shame as I looked out on all the blessings that have been showered upon me and how little I have been conscious of it all in a true, deep perception of Love reflected in love. I must give myself more wholly to God. There is so much to do and such need for wisdom and love! I claim my inheritance to be God manifest and to be, in truth, a witness for His Allness. I am declaring the *infinitude* of God's love, the omnipotence of Truth. We must so rise to the full understanding of God as Love, that we can put under our *heel* the serpent of hate and envy, jealousy and fear. Then we can stand in the full

height of our manhood and womanhood, and reveal Christ, "the deathless man of God's creating." Thank God that nothing else will satisfy us. We have stept beyond the limits of human self-gratification, and are already drinking the cup our Master recommended to us, his followers. We will be watchful, dear. Denounce error wherever you see it and be *sure* to see it, so as not to be deceived by it or lulled into indifference and tolerance. S. & E 534

I must stop now; it is past midnight and I must write other letters. Good morning, dear heart. See what morning means in the Glossary.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

January 9, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your letter and for your loving sacrifice of the fruit of your labor. It does not seem right for me to keep the *symbol* which now is necessary to meet our temporal needs. But, dear, I do feel the reflection of Love which you have sent me and am deeply grateful.

I shall speak for you the word and shall know the Truth. We can work together in the one Mind and thus bring out into present realization our membership in the one Body, even that Christ of whom the Scriptures bear testimony. I will work on the "home problem" knowing that Mind maintains its own perfect idea; that you see each other as Mind reveals you; that "The senses of Spirit abide in Love, and they demonstrate Truth and Life." There are no other senses, therefore you can know yourselves even as also you are known of Love. Our blessed Leader has taught us that S. & E 274

S. & H. 242 there is but one way to health and harmony. "It is to know no other reality—to have no other consciousness of life—than good, God and His reflection, and to rise superior to the so-called pain and pleasure of the senses." Study together page two hundred and forty-two of *Science and Health* entire. It is what is needed. God is graciously fitting you for the reception of His revelation of Himself and the mists of finite mentality cannot longer hide from you your true selves and your true relation to each other. As the bonds of Christ supersede the human tie, you will find that sweet companionship in the way that leadeth upward to perfect understanding of your Principle, and consequently of each other and of all good. Love is infinite; there can be no indifference, no lack of interest, no self-absorption. There is no selfhood apart from God.

There is a hunger for the bread of life and many Mark 16:20 are coming for the healing Truth. I have had my hands full and have been blessed by "signs following."

Love is with you dear ones both.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

January 26, 1913.

BELOVED:

Just a few lines to tell you that the car was used both by the teacher and by me. It was a comfort, as usual. Thank you, dear heart, for your thoughtful loving-kindness.

You are having a quiet time with God, assimilating and making your own the clear, powerful reflection that Mrs. Stetson sent out to us and to all the world.

Now we must "shut the door" and "pour out" of our "oil" into the "empty vessels." We can then go out and sell—radiate—these qualities of "Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration." There are many "empty vessels"; our Leader says, "Millions of unprejudiced minds—simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert—are waiting and watching for rest and drink." II Kings 4:3, 4 S. & H. 592 S. & H. 570

What a blessed thought it is that we can give to these "waiting and watching" ones "a cup of cold water in Christ's name." We can do this by reflecting the light; by *thinking* the Truth, by giving it utterance in word and manner of life. S. & H. 570

A new inspiration has come to me; a fuller consecration; a more selfless desire to reveal God's image; to "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good." I rejoice that I know that "God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man." S. & H. 393

We are coming out from the material world and yet we are every day becoming more able to meet the demands made upon us by those in need of that which pertains to Life. I want spiritual power. I am turning more resolutely than ever before from the material world; from its beliefs; its snares; its appetites; its images. I am hiding in the secret place of the Most High, seeking more of the "Light, which lighteth every man" and then reflecting it so as to reveal the "spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness." John 1:9 S. & H. 503

God lift me and you and all into a higher, truer, reflection of His glory by dispelling false belief—this carnal selfhood which is but a false claim and has no right to exist, nor does it, properly speaking.

Love, unchanging, immortal, infinite, I reflect to

you, my dearly loved student and fellow worker in and for Christ.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

January, 1913.

DEAR ——:

The envelope containing the gold is still sealed. I am writing this little note to express to you, in part, my love and my appreciation of your generous bounty. You say it is but a just valuation of actual service received. I understand, dear, how honest and faithful you have been in counting your visits to the office. *Many* of these visits would have been unnecessary and would never have been made if I had had more reflection of divine Love. Principle, Love, is "impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals." We must look more to this Father; come into more ***individual***, conscious relationship with this all-loving Father and realize our absolute dependence on Mind. You must not look to me, but seek a clearer understanding for yourself. Many problems are made by thinking that there *are* problems. Work out the seeming perplexities, by using the usual common-sense intelligence with which Love has endowed you. Do not fear making mistakes; mistakes are often useful, helpful experiences which we misname in our human fear of the chastisements of Love.

S. & H. 13

Rejoice in the fact that Love is always triumphant, that error is powerless; and that even fear cannot terrify us. Do not be afraid of being afraid.

And now, dear, I am going to ask the privilege, and in this case assert my prerogative of myself declaring you free from any financial obligations whatsoever to me.

You have more than done what custom would demand and I am already satisfied that my time has been "paid for." If you want to make me a little gift to mark the milestone of progress, with the seal of gratitude, let it be modest, such as our present demonstration merits or warrants. Let it be in proportion to your present realization of God's supply and your present needs. There are other demands upon you which you will recognize, and by the meeting of which you will be blessed.

So, dear, I am returning the gold, knowing that, in being willing to retake it into your possession, you are yielding up some of the "cherished beliefs and practices," which our blessed Leader says is most important and indeed essential to our entrance into that consciousness of universal and individual reality which is heaven. S. & H. 141

Hereafter you will, I know, be strong and gain daily in strength, by leaning on Principle, and not weaken yourself by looking to personality. You are not a beginner in Science, neither are you a child in years. You must manifest that true womanhood which delights in grappling with and solving whatever problem presents itself.

Lovingly and faithfully,
Your fellow-student in Christ,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 14, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Yes, I have always the moment in which to reflect to you the light of ever-present Truth. Study page 503 of *Science and Health*: "Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God: *first*, in light; *second*, in re-

flection; *third*, in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness."

You will find a new and fuller understanding of it will come to you. You have the Light. You know that God is Life, is Light. You know that this Light fills all space. You know that this Light is Mind and is your Father-Mother. You are mental. Now reflect this Light; think, think, think this Mind; send out your reflection. It is radiant energy and will carry life and light into every direction into which you send it. God, good, is your only relative. You know none but the will of God, good. This divine Will moves you, sustains you, provides for your every need.

The only shoulder is that one upon which the government *is*. There is no matter; there is no *belief* in matter; there is no believer in matter. I have been working in the Spirit all day and I know you must have received some true reflection. During the week I shall try to write you of the lesson on Nehemiah. Much is unfolding to me.

Hold close to God, precious child. You must and will demonstrate the closing sentence of the lesson.

I shall give you a thought the last thing tonight.
S. & H. 504 There is no night, "there is no place where God's light is not seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are ever-present."

Love to you both,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 20, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your "love currency."

Po. 75 Instead of error ringing in your ears, I *know* that joy bells are ringing in your heart. "Saw ye my Saviour?

Heard ye the glad sound? Felt ye the power of the Word?" There are none but the spiritual senses, and "real consciousness is cognizant only of the things of God." S. & H. 276

E—— came to see me as you doubtless know. He was very dear and I feel that whatever the quality of thought that seems to cripple him is, it is loosing its hold and that he will soon realize his freedom. I think it will be a mutual help for you to be together, for a time. You are each growing in your own individual way; putting off the old man and presenting "your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Rom. 12:1 How clear this lesson makes it that we must have both wings preened for a skyward flight. We must understand ourselves as compound idea as "two individual natures in one; and this compounded spiritual individuality reflects God as Father-Mother, not as a corporeal being." S. & H. 577 This is the ideal man, is the true nature of God's creature, is our real selfhood.

This selfhood cannot be separated from God. It will appear as we reflect our Father-Mother.

Love to you both,

S. M. Huse.

April 29, 1913.

Dear Miss ——:

Your letter of the twenty-fifth just received.

I have no reproach to make; you have always been loyal to the best you saw. You went as far as your light could take you. You have probably been walking in reflected light, not in your own increasing understanding.

Mrs. Eddy discovered "divine Science, which, re-

S. & H. 471 duced to human apprehension, she has named Christian Science."

In the first vivid impress of the marvelous revelation S. & H. 330 of absolute truth she "cherished sanguine hopes that Christian Science would meet with immediate and universal acceptance." In early editions of her great work, Science and Health, she unequivocally denounces material organization of every degree. But when she S. & H. 330 "learned the vastness of Christian Science, the fixedness of mortal illusions, and the human hatred of S. & H. 254 Truth," doubtless she saw that "the human footsteps leading to perfection are indispensable." The great mass of mortal consciousness must be disintegrated; Matt. 13:33 she saw that she must fulfil the words of Jesus: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole S. & H. 254 was leavened." The "human self must be evangelized." Our Leader accepted this task lovingly. Patiently, wisely, she formed an organization which would be a visible, tangible evidence to the *world* of the presence of the invisible, spiritual temple, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Mother Church, in Boston, is the type and symbol of the universality of Mrs. Eddy's work. It is a gathering into organized, disciplined order, the unruly children of Israel whom she is leading out of bondage and Egyptian darkness into the light of spiritual freedom.

During all the forty years of patient leading through the wilderness, however, our faithful Leader kept ever before her own eyes the pattern shown her in the mount. She held it aloft in consciousness, that the glory of its transcendent beauty might illumine the upward gaze of some watchful follower.

One such faithful student was catching, all uncon-

sciously the inspiration of our Leader's vision of the wholly spiritual temple.

Here in New York, in First Church, every human footstep had been faithfully taken. When "each lesser call in the growth of Christian character" was obeyed; when the highest point of material organization had been reached; then were demonstrated the words of our textbook, "Progress is born of experience. It is the ripening of mortal man, through which the mortal is dropped for the immortal." At this moment of achievement and demonstration, in pealing trumpet tones, our Leader's voice was heard, "When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation."

S. & H. 291

S. & H. 296

My. 357

This church, as a body, *responded*, through its board of trustees:

> The demonstration of our church is the direct result of your instructions obeyed. . . . In grateful acknowledgment of the redemption of the first-born, mindful of the ever-present protection of divine Love, we will enlarge our spiritual phylacteries, binding them as frontlets between our eyes, that we may "demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent." Having completed our demonstration of the church militant, we will strive more earnestly to attain the higher understanding which will reveal the Church Triumphant, where "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*."

Rem. 565

This "higher understanding" was almost immediately called into requisition. Mrs. Stetson was ready

through her faithfulness over a few things to be made ruler over many things.

The moment came for an emergence out of material organization, from the physical sense of church, from the intermediate stratum indicated in Mrs. Eddy's definition of church: "The Church is that institution, which affords proof of its utility and is found elevating the race, rousing the dormant understanding from material beliefs to the apprehension of spiritual ideas and the demonstration of divine Science, thereby casting out devils, or error, and healing the sick."

S. & H. 583

From the completed demonstration of this definition, Mrs. Stetson was called to demonstrate the highest statement of Church, the "structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle."

S. & H. 583

Those who were ready for this wholly spiritual concept of man and of church came out with her in answer to the call and impulsion of Spirit. Many were carried forward by the impetus of so great a movement, but soon fell back to the level of their own demonstration. All were called but few were chosen; many remained unconscious of the stir.

At the critical moment, in the very birth throes, which should bring forth the higher concept, our Leader sent out the letter which made the line of demarcation between the spiritually and materially minded. It had been proven that all were not ready for the emergence to a higher plane of work. The organization must continue and must be "supported." Our Leader called for this support from those who had not even heard the *higher* call for the "wholly spiritual."

The Directors of The Mother Church had to do just as they did. They were on that material plane, and must at present continue in material organization.

Through the mortal concept they could not see the dawning of the spiritual idea; they could not see that the "structure of Truth and Love" was rising on the foundation stone of spiritual understanding.

We, who have been forced out of material organization, are seeking to present our "bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." We are "waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." We are looking for the appearing of the ideal man. The individual idea which wrote Science and Health, the textbook of the Science of Mind, was never mortal, never human. What seemed to be so was a false concept which could never wholly conceal the Christ man and which must be destroyed in the consciousness of each one of us as a mental picture, so that the true concept may rise to our apprehension.

Rom. 12:1
Rom. 8:23

You will now find your rightful place, where you will experience less strain, for you will not be trying to breathe a too highly rarified atmosphere.

Be faithful in taking all the human footsteps, as our Leader has done, and as my teacher, Mrs. Stetson, has done up to this present moment. The word will come to you as it has come to us: Begin to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other." When you come to that moment may you be as quick to respond, in your hour, as were Augusta E. Stetson and her loyal students.

My. 357

Faithfully yours in Truth,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

May 1, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Although you were the bearer of love's offering and so it would seem unnecessary to write you of my grati-

tude, still you shall be the first to whom I shall express somewhat of the thoughts that are welling up as I think of the selfless love which manifests itself in these dear friends.

Eph. 5:13 "Whatsoever doth make manifest is light." I am deeply grateful for the light which is revealing to me the true individuality of each one of you. This individuality is God's creation, is Mind's reflection, is the expression of Soul, is the child of Love. This image has ever been in divine Mind but can be discerned only by the spiritual senses. Day by day the Christ mind is presenting this true image and likeness. The thick cloud of material sense is dissolving and revealing substance-idea in the place of illusive—delusive—error.

At present these erroneous concepts, by reversal, serve as waymarks to the true idea or image, so we do not run away from personality but stand still and watch for the appearing Christ. We know that I John 3:2 "now are we the sons of God" and that the time is coming when "Error will be no longer used in stating truth." S. & H. 126

Your reflection of God's provident love gives me a real sense of being covered in the hollow of His hand and sheltered under the shadow of the Most High. Our S. & H. 247 blessed Leader says, "It is Love which paints the petal with myriad hues, glances in the warm sunbeam, arches the cloud with the bow of beauty, blazons the night with starry gems, and covers earth with loveliness." This same Love reflected in love "covers" all. You must come and enjoy with me the beauty and comfort of my office this summer.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
May 7, 1913.

DEARLY BELOVED:

The ride down was restful, and, although my train was late, still I arrived in good season. You have received the Independent by now. It is a strong article, one that will carry conviction of the permanence and stability of Mrs. Stetson's work. We regret that Mrs. Eddy's letter was not given larger space. It is "reduced" so much that the Leader's writing lacks its characteristic vigor. Some time mortal mind will yield more space to truth! We must magnify it, the Leader's message, in our thought, so that it can be seen, heard, felt in consciousness.

Mrs. Stetson said tonight that she had written you. You demonstrate better than your teacher, in obtaining letters from our teacher! I have never received but one, and that one when I was in your house. God pour out of His blessings on your dear house and every idea of God in it. Be more vigilant each day, dearest, to guard your thought so that there can be nothing in it to respond to the malpractice and erroneous suggestions proceeding from the materialists, which fill the atmosphere of mortal thought. Your household must be purged of all that savors of materialism in order to send forth unclouded the pure light of its radiant reality. It is a city set on an hill and its light *cannot* be hid by ignorance, superstition, sensuality, medieval idolatry and paganism.

You, as a member of Christ, are the head of that church, or whatever there "rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle." You are building each day on the foundation of Love, the structure of Truth, which will some day appear in its spiritual substance, pin- S. & H. 583

nacled in Life. The purifying fire of divine Love will gradually consume all that is unlike Truth; the clouds of sense will roll back and "show the form divinely fair." In the meantime, while we *know* that this perfect creation is already existent in Mind, in pure thought, and that there is none other than this perfect idea, be patient, true, honest and practical in the administration of the dear home as you now behold it, constantly purifying, spiritualizing thought, so that the transformation of the concept may be in the line of dematerialization and thus the dear place shine more and more unto the perfect Day. Good is God; is the only Power, the only Presence. Man exercises this Power, *is* this Presence. Then *watch* for *man*. Deny presence and power to mortal mind and its claim to phenomenon. God bless you. He is manifesting Himself in you every instant. Be happy, darling. Radiate the joy of the Spirit.

C. S. Hymnal 92

My love for you is unbounded; it is the reflection of Love, the Substance of Reality.

Lovingly, tenderly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

May 21, 1913.

DEAR ——:

The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Know that you are image; that you image God, Life, Truth, Love. There is nothing else to image. You can never have any other than the one body which God made. It is immortal, spiritual, substance. The false mental concept will fade out of thought, under the constant application of the living truth. Use your hand, your arm—it is perfect. Let Love destroy the fear and any other false quality of

mortal mind which argues sensation in belief or false concept. A concept is an image held in thought. Now I ask you, can it have sensation or self-direction? No! It is controlled by the mortal mind. Now speak to this false mind which is telling you the lie that its concept can enjoy or suffer,—it cannot do or be anything. Mind, divine immortal Mind, is the only truth teller and it calls man image or reflection. Let this Mind *be* manifested, represented by you. Listen to its words of assurance. Imbibe its hope, its cheer, its faith. It will present you, its idea, in perfection of form, outline and color. This Mind governs you *absolutely*. *Be conscious of this*. Sing praises to God in acknowledgment of the eternal fact. There is but one world, but one Christ. We must admit no *supposition* of another, nor ever be deceived into accepting the argument, presented by material sense, that there is any power or presence other than God, good.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

May 30, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Your letter has a good ring. I like your declaration of the truth, before uncovering the claim; "The Christ-like understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea,—perfect God and perfect man,—as the basis of thought and demonstration." S. & H. 259

You are "image," and there is nothing to image but God, good, for man has no qualities underived from God. You must know that you are mental—that is, formed by thought. "As he thinketh . . . so is he." Our Leader has elevated this saying of Solomon's into Prov. 23:7

S. & H. 213 a metaphysical statement: "as a man spiritually *understandeth*, so is he in truth." Here she takes the ground that there is but one Mind, and that the only *thinking* is understanding. In very deed "The time for thinkers has come." Obedience to this perfect Mind, or Will of God, constitutes heaven. Jesus knew this, and prayed earnestly that God's will might be done in him.

S. & H. Pref. vii

We can follow his example, for it is only thus that we can come into the full possession of our individuality.

So, dear, seek that obedience to the divine; subordinate yourself to the transforming influence of Love and Truth. *Listen* for the voice of Truth from your parents and from your teachers. Be gentle in your thought so that you may *hear* the still, small voice in your own understanding; never let yourself be a channel for error, for only in this way can it claim power.

Love protects you. Evil is *not*. Be a faithful witness for good.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 3, 1913.

BELOVED:

Do you suppose there would be either a car or a pair of horses at the station, Saturday, to meet the morning train? You need not answer. I will trust it!

The peonies are beautiful, royal. So dear of you to send them. The cheque opens my account with the books. You will receive yours as soon as they can be forwarded to you after I receive them. None have as yet appeared.

You know, dear one, I can do nothing for you on the material plane. The white linen is merely type of the

"fine linen [which] is the righteousness of saints." To manifest this to you, to see it manifest in you and all is my one and primal desire every moment. This beauty of holiness, this purity which shall see God is dawning on our consciousness and will transform the body until we can present it without spot or blemish. The false concept must give everlasting place to the true idea of God. It seems remarkable to me that I should have given you this linen *just* at the time that I am also giving you the photograph. Divine Love will illumine your eyes so that you will look *through* a divine concept and not let the finite belief cloud you for an instant. The *idea* is clothed with the fair linen of pure spiritual reflection; it was never born of a mortal thought and is not material. This poor counterfeit illusion *must* yield to spiritual understanding. We shall appear in our true selfhood, when we overcome "the qualities opposed to Spirit which mortals name matter."

Rev. 19:8

Mis. 199

Rockwood will do the pictures and send them directly to you, dearest. How I long for the image of Truth, and to receive, or behold, a "proof" from the *positive* of that which is reflected in the camera of divine Mind! We shall, however, for this one Mind *is* manifest everywhere and can be seen through spiritual sense. Faith, a quality of Mind, is the *substance* of this body which we "hope for" and the possession of faith is the evidence of it, though it is as yet "unseen." I know that faithful working on the lesson this week will do much to dissolve in our thoughts the "qualities opposed to Spirit" so that we may look out on God's universe through a truer, less material concept.

Heb. 11:1

Faithfully, lovingly,

Sibyl Marvin Huse.

June 11, 1913.

DEAR ——:

I have been looking for a letter from you. No doubt you are comfortably fixed now.

We are expecting the teacher's book the end of the week. I hope you can get one at once for you will find it a great inspiration.

I have been working much lately in the scientific statement of being. When my understanding is stronger, clearer, I shall be able to put into words the growing sense of what it really means to say, "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter." Matter *is not.* The belief in it is made up of "qualities opposed to Spirit which mortals name matter." "The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower, is God, the creator of it." That substance is imperishable, is immutable. The false concept, which a finite sense forms of an object, is "without form and void." In proportion as the substance of love and truth and life is in our thought we behold the true object or have a true concept of idea—the creation of Good.

S. & H. 468
Mis. 199
S. & H. 508

Only love can give us the true concept and drive out the fear, ignorance, sensuality which constitutes the false concept.

Beloved, "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Unchanging love to you all three.

Eph. 6:10

Faithfully, lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 20, 1913.

DEARLY BELOVED:

This book, written by my teacher, I am giving to you, my precious student.

The Bible, Science and Health, and the other writings of our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, together with Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, by Augusta E. Stetson, will form for you a library which will prove itself inexhaustible in all that you need of wisdom, counsel, cheer, encouragement, enlightenment, spiritual education and culture.

You will find in these books your closest friend. They will speak to you of that divine Love which meets every need; of that Truth which is immutable, the Rock of Substance-Mind, eternal, all satisfying; of that Life which *is* life, and has in it no discord or element of mortality. You will always find here the understandable presentation of Principle; the statement of rule; the solution of every problem that the false claim of a so-called mortal mind can possibly devise for the confusion of mankind.

You need never want for guidance, with these treasures of wisdom always at hand. Let them be your constant companions, your most cherished friends.

In the light of their spiritual illumination, you can enter the "sweet secret of the narrow way." Fed by this hidden manna, you will be nourished and built up into the full stature of Christ. Principle—Life, Truth, Love—worked through its idea, Christ Jesus, until it destroyed all the counterfeit that mortal mind could present, at that time, of that individuality. Then, "Fast circling on, from zone to zone," it reached the point of least resistance and voiced itself through the spiritual idea, which we have known as Mary Baker Eddy. Po. 4 Chr. 7

Thus the false claim of material manhood has been met, and now the false claim of material womanhood is being dissolved, under the operation of Spirit. "Let the 'male and female' of God's creating appear." We S. & H. 249

also must and shall appear as members of this compound idea, for we are feeling the divine energy of Spirit, and are beginning to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation"—are beginning to think from the standpoint of *Mind*.

My. 357

Beloved, "henceforth know we no man after the flesh." The divine Mind is revealing to us and in us its own perfect image, the substance-objects of pure thought.

II Cor. 5:16

A clearer, yes, a palpitating substance-understanding of Jesus' words have come to me, yesterday and today. Take "no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? . . . for your heavenly Father knoweth . . ." Of course we need "take no thought," because there is but one Christ, one universal Man, or Body, which is the expression of Soul, the manifestation of Mind. Each one of us is an individual *member* of this great idea of God, of Love. God takes care of His *own* body. *We* have no body to take thought for; we are but *members*. This thought has lifted from me all sense of *care*, either for myself, or for others, and has given me such a feeling of utter trust and confidence in the Love which is the Father-Mother of all reality.

Matt. 6:31, 32

I know that as I will reflect this Love, I will bless you, precious one. This reflection reveals you to me as Love's idea, God's image, a member of Christ, ever present in Mind, and *safe* in the consciousness of substance Spirit. In this consciousness can be no separation, and in this realization, we find the bonds of Christ to be the freedom—the "liberty of the children of God." Such a wealth of trust has come to me! I *know* that God guides every event of your career, *because* you are a member of His Christ. You are under the law of

Rom. 8:21

Spirit. There I leave you, in thought, so safe, so sheltered, so cherished by your own Principle, your own Father-Mother. Even every seeming human need is met by this tender, affluent, provident, ever-flowing Love.

Dear, I am so *happy* to know this; and rejoice that *you* know it; that you are conscious of its presence; that you can feel its comfort and radiate its joy.

Remember that you are *idea*. Constantly make your at-one-ment with Principle. Let your individuality appear and put to flight illusive personality. Handle the serpent, mortal mentality, and dwell under the "shadow of the Almighty." There you are safe from the strife of tongues; there you cannot be deceived by personal sense; there no barbed arrow of jealousy, envy or any quality of carnal mind can wound the dove of purity and innocence. Ps. 91:1

Keep the sword of the Spirit ever drawn. You know it is the word of God. Your only offensive weapon against error of every kind is the revealing of yourself as this *word*—expression of Mind. Mind will then give you its own eloquence, by which you can denounce the false claims of hypnotism, mesmerism, animal magnetism, in all their lying delusions. God will use you to aid in the establishing of His Kingdom in the hearts of men.

Now, God glorify you with His own self, show you His glory, quicken you to know nothing but His own radiant reality.

Faithfully and lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

June 26, 1913.

DEAR ——:

It came to me very clearly that as you wanted to go to some one else, who you felt could reflect the Truth

to you in the measure of your need, that the way was open for you to do so.

If I remember rightly you yourself called me your teacher. In a strict interpretation of that term I do not bear that relationship to you. I have never taken you through class instruction. I have but reflected to you what light I could to lift and heal; in so far as this has been done, I have taught you, but only as a practitioner must of necessity do. As I said in my note from the dock, you are perfectly free to find another practitioner temporarily, or for all time if you are thus led. If I had had more Christly qualities revealed, this might not have been necessary, and yet it may be that this way lies your path; it must be so.

You know my love for you is unchanging, for it is divine and shines right on through the mists of mortal mentality.

I told your mother that you felt that it seemed best for you to call on God and receive your help through some other avenue. Whoever it is will be right. Let it either be one of the sixteen, or any other loyal, faithful student of *our* teacher.

I am at perfect peace about you, knowing that you are in Love's keeping. Be faithful, dear one. You will make the demonstration of your at-one-ment with Truth, Life, Love—divine Principle.

I want you to feel *free* to do what is right for you. Love is All. The seeming claim of evil is error, and consequently powerless.

Read our teacher's book. You will find it a help and an inspiration on "the way."

We must come out of self and know no selfhood apart from God. I am learning to do this more understandingly and am returning to my work with more earnest love for universal humanity and greater inspiration for

the task of self-immolation. "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more." II Cor. 5:16

Be happy, dear child, and make the home bright with the Christ reflection. It has been a beautiful and profitable visit. I am grateful for every bit of it.

Lovingly yours in the bonds of Christ,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.
July 12, 1913.

DEAR ——:

I am declaring and realizing your oneness with good. You cannot be for a moment unconscious of this fact, and you now enjoy the understanding which Spirit gives. Let divine Love be reflected in your every thought. There is no space that is not filled with the Life which is infinite and ever-present. There "is no place where God's light is not seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are ever-present." S. & H. 504 You apprehend, lay hold on this Truth; you are irradiated by this Love and move to the rhythm of Mind. All action is in Mind and is regulated by spiritual law; therefore there can be no discordant condition. There is but one Mind; there can be no conflict; hence, no irritation, no inflammation, no congestion no obstruction, no lack of perfect control. Love is *All;* there can be no fear, no hate, no ignorance. Then how can there be fever? No mortal mind exists; the claim that there is a mind other than the one divine Mind is utterly false and futile. There is perfect communion in the body of Christ and "scientific thoughts are true thoughts, passing from God to man." S. & H. 104

I am treating you, that is realizing that you are *now*

perfect and immortal and that this declaration must be accompanied by the phenomena of demonstration.

Now, beloved child, wake up to your real identity of health and strength and usefulness. Mrs. Eddy says, S. & H. 403 "You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being." There is but one World and we are S. & H. 264 *now living in it.* "Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things." Finite forms are but illusions of false mentality. Handle the serpent of fear. It cannot argue to you. Come out from the belief of a selfhood apart from God. Seek your own in another's good. "Look up, not down, look out, not in, and lend a hand." Watch for the idea S. & H. 267 and remember that "by reversal, errors serve as way-marks to the one Mind, in which all error disappears in celestial Truth." Also that we shall so grow in spiritual S. & H. 126 understanding that "Error will be no longer used in stating truth." Jesus said: "As the Father hath loved John 15:9 me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." "A 13:34 new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; *as I have loved you.*" This love is divine, is the reflection of pure Mind and has no taint of earth or Phil. 2:5 of fear. It heals the sick and destroys sin. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." This Mind is the only creative Principle and is manifest in perfect man.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 18, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Your continued reflection of Love is an inspiration and strength. I am grateful for it. Every moment

seems to have been occupied; you should have heard from me long ago.

From every side we are hearing of the work done—the cheering, enlightening effect of our teacher's great book. Its influence is widening and deepening. Thank God! Every thing that is not of God must go down before Christian Science.

We are far on the road which leads out of the belief of life in matter to the understanding of Life as Mind. Let us be more faithful, more *firm* in our understanding. Then we shall overcome all illusion and enter into our God-given heritage—realization of our sonship.

Our Leader and our teacher are triumphing; all the world is being blessed by their overcoming. We must press forward along the same road. To mortal sense there seems a cross to be carried but love will reveal it a crown.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 20, 1913.

DEAR ——:

No word has come from you this week. I am no longer treating you regularly, only knowing that you are active in Mind, and that Mind regulates and controls all.

Last week's lesson followed by the one on Truth is supporting, nourishing and maintaining our thought. God, Principle, governs all true phenomena. Come forth in the glory of your reality and dispel the false concept of self. Every claim of a quality opposed to Spirit is fading out under the constant reflection of Love. The earth is being filled with the glory of the Lord. *Man* is appearing in the place of false concept,

for suppositional mortal mind has ceased; it never was; there is but one Mind, one thought-force. This thinking is the only creating; this Mind alone has phenomena, produces effects, brings forth ideas. These ideas are like their Principle; it cannot be otherwise. It is the operation of this one divine Mind that enables us "*to know,—as in heaven, so on earth,—God is omnipotent, supreme.*" Our Leader declares that "The Lord's Prayer is the prayer of Soul, not of material sense." I pray this prayer constantly for this very reason, for I feel that by so doing, I am exercising my spiritual sense. The "body will reflect what governs it." Then it is of vital importance that we let that Mind be in us "which was also in Christ Jesus." This "pure river of water of life, . . . proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" will so purge out the latent qualities of mortal mentality that a better concept will form and be subject to the better thought which it mirrors. We are entirely mental; there is no physical to be "treated." The *claim* to more than one Mind is what we must meet and utterly refute. We are being impelled to do this, or rather the irresistible, inevitable supremacy of Mind is appearing; the nothingness of belief is ceasing, for understanding reigns. The daily prayer is answered hourly. Pray it, enact it, verify it! "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered!" Know yourself to be His son and let it so appear, in you, and in all whom you encounter day by day. *Love* more. Be compassionate, tender and meek. Let good alone be real to you. Be lifted in Spirit so that you may draw unto you—reveal—all men. Let it be your slogan—there is no other than God's man. Be loyal to God, to His *All*ness. Let nothing enter your consciousness, your experience, but God and His idea.

S. & H. 17

S. & H. 14

S. & H. 324

Phil. 2:5

Rev. 22:1

Ps. 68:1

Evil is not. Error is powerless. Truth is omnipotent. Love "is the fulfilling of the law." Rom. 13:10

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 22, 1913.

DEAR ——:

I hope you are reading Mrs. Stetson's book. Read it thoughtfully but not ponderously, not analytically. Read it as it was written, "from the heart." Read lightly, as it were. Throw yourself into an easy chair and just *let* the quiet influence of the Truth flow into your thought and refresh and irradiate it. Do not *study*, but read, imbibe, rest in it. Let the atmosphere of love envelope you, and just dwell in the sunlight of God's love. This will do more for you than hours of "study." It is not by works but by grace.

Love is with you, beloved, and you are the object of Her tender care.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.
July 22, 1913.

DEAR ——:

You know that the one Father-Mother God cares for all His children, and that divine Love meets every human need.

Your dear parent is governed by this same spiritual law. Do not let yourself feel that there is a difference between you and your dear ones. We all have the same source, the same Father-Mother, the same nature, the same Love. We are all in the one universe, members of the same Body, governed by the one intelligent

thought-force. There is no schism in this Body, no separation in this Mind. Handle the *belief* in any other body or mind. Convince *yourself* of the reign of divine Truth, Life and Love. Let this triune Principle be established in you, and rule out all belief in matter. God is All. Examine yourself as to whether you are admitting the argument that there is anything but Life, but Truth.

There is no mortal mentality. You are witness to
My. 357 the *fact* that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

Love is ever with you, dispelling the shadows of sense material.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 26, 1913.

DEAR ——:

You are right; you cannot help F—— by worrying or by scolding her; keep your own thought restful and free to reflect the peace of conquered sin. It does look dark but that is only the dream. We must, however, *prove* this condition to be unreal, untrue. The lesson this week is a continuation of last week's and will do *every*thing if we will but carry it out in every detail.

Remember that our blessed Leader, whom we profess to follow, says in the textbook of the Science we profess
S. & H. 246 544 to demonstrate, "Never record ages." Also "Birth, decay, and death arise from the material sense of things, not from the spiritual, for in the latter Life consisteth not of the things which a man eateth." If you had been firm in your understanding of this fundamental fact in Science you would not have felt "wounded"

because you were ignored on the day of your brother's celebration of that which never took place except in the dream; but you would have rejoiced that you were sufficiently out of it to be forgotten, and could therefore reflect to him that love which is true life. The human cannot hide from you the divine idea, which lives forever in Mind and is not dependent on matter either for manifestation or support. To realize this will help you to see F—— in her rightful place in Mind. The whole material universe is a suppositional subversion of God's perfect world. We can wake up to this and thus *only* can we aid others to throw off the shackles of carnal false sense. This is now what I am doing—keeping myself in the God-thought so that the light of truth, my real selfhood inseparable from God—good—may radiate and so help to dispel somewhat of the shadows of sin—the belief of life in matter. All sin, disease, discord, sorrow and death are belief, and are maintained in human experience solely by being *believed*. Are *we* prolonging the seeming existence of these beliefs by giving them the support of our belief? This is a searching question which must be answered *honestly*. Each one must work out his or her own salvation. Let us also be mindful of the fact that it is God that worketh with us "both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Then let us trust this omnipotence and realize the *ever*presence of this divine will.

Phil. 2:13

We must "let patience have her perfect work." Witness always for the divine idea, the true, the only man.

James 1:4

God, your Father-Mother, will give you wisdom, steadfast love and the ability to adhere to Truth.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 4, 1913.

DEAR ——:

From this lovely spot, the home of some very dear friends who are Christian Scientists, I am writing you a few lines to give you a word of love and encouragement. We have just finished this beautiful lesson on Love and feel that its beneficent influence has gone out to bless all mankind.

Remember always that God is Mind; that man is the image of Mind; therefore man is mental, and his ability to think is of God and is like God, is good. We are *thinking* only when we *so* think that our thought is God-like—constituted of Life, of Truth, of Love. This thinking or thought-force, is power, and is the manifestation, or operation of that mind which was in Christ Jesus, and performed all his mighty works of healing.

Phil. 2:5 2:13 Paul urges: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Again he says, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." God's will is law, and obedience to this

John 14:10 Law constitutes heaven.. Jesus said, "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works," plainly showing that it was this omnipotent Mind, which he called Love, that was the one creator, the one Father. Then let us have God for our Father—let every thought we think proceed from Life, emanate from unchanging Truth, reflect and radiate everlasting Love. This will bring strength to you, and enable you to see E—— as God has created him —perfect and immortal, imaging forth the will of God.

I am treating E——, that is, I am realizing his perfection, holding him in the atmosphere of love which is substance. This constant declaration of truth will correct the false condition. Will you please learn the scientific statement of being. You will find it on page

468 of *Science and Health.* I would advise also the daily repetition of the Lord's Prayer, as found on page 16. Study the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians; also the twelfth chapter of Romans. In conjunction with these chapters, read pages 475–477 of *Science and Health.*

Be faithful to the charge given by Isaiah: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God." We must constantly witness, silently and when occasions offer, audibly, to the *allness* of God, of good. Isa. 43:12

At once deny, and so destroy,—for all is mental—any suggestions of fear, weariness, discouragement, care or sensitiveness. Look up to divine Love, and its light will dispel all the shadows of mortal false thought. Mrs. Eddy says, "Unless the harmony and immortality of man are becoming more apparent, we are not gaining the true idea of God; and the body will reflect what governs it, whether it be Truth or error, understanding or belief, Spirit or matter." Your thought governs your body. Then let your thoughts be such as will outline health and strength, both in your own body and in those subject more or less to your thought—those near and dear to you. S. & H. 324

The lesson of the coming week will be of great help to you.

Remember the words, "Be still and *know* that I am God."

Love to E—— and to you all.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 5, 1913.

DEAR ——:

On this beautiful day, so early in the morning, before mortal mind begins its claims on mortals, it seems easy

to realize the everpresence of divine Love. The fresh, clear atmosphere seems to breathe the fragrance of gratitude, to the dear Father, for all His manifold goodness; and every thing is radiant with the sunshine of Truth. The beauty of holiness lifts one's thought to that divine Love which is the source of all good. God give us the seeing eye, that we may behold the universe of *God's* creating—the "new heavens and . . . new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Jesus said, that the pure in heart see God, good. We also read in Genesis that "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." We must rise to that same spiritual outlook—see with the clear understanding which that "mind . . . which was also in Christ Jesus" imparts. Then we shall verify the words of Jesus, "The kingdom of God is within you." It is this spiritual consciousness which will demonstrate the divine rule, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

II Peter 3:13

Gen. 1:31

Phil. 2:5

Luke 17:21

Matt. 5:48

S. & H. 261 Mrs. Eddy says: "Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts." You will guard your thoughts and admit into your consciousness only that which is immortal, when you realize that you are mental, that thought is force. We must be servants of the *living God*, that is, so let our thoughts reflect the one divine Mind that we shall be, in deed, and in truth, the image and likeness of that Mind, the very offspring of God, the children of the one Father.

I hope much from the close study of the current lesson. Read it faithfully. Let your thoughts be imbued with it. You will find that you will have a different basis for thought and action, as you imbibe the

spiritual animus of the Science of Life. Paul said that "to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life." God is "the God of the *living*," Jesus said. So let us *live*, *think* after the manner that Jesus taught. This we can do if we refuse to believe, or think, after the manner of the physical senses, and if we will deny all reality to what is unlike God—good.

Rom. 8:6
Mark 12:27

You have started on the road. You have taken up the cross, and are following the Master, in his warfare against material, corporeal, sensuous belief. You must enter the straight gate of spiritual thought. E—— will respond to the truth, and you yourself will feel the strength that comes from spirituality.

Now I am going to close this letter so that I may have the time, in this early morning hour, to treat E——.

Give him a message of love from me. It would be well to read to him every day from Science and Health.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 8, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was awaiting me here. I was glad to hear from you.

Your immediate response in using the scientific statement of being and the Lord's Prayer gives me much joy because I know what that spirit of obedience means.

Jesus prayed that God's will might be represented in him. He was continually identifying himself with Truth, with his Principle which he called his Father because it inspired, or fathered, every thought. *E—— is perfect*, in God's sight, in reality. We must see as God sees. We can do this only as we have one Mind which is Love. We can and ideally do, know no other

S. & H. 495 intelligence, no other mind than good. We must "cling steadfastly to God and His idea." Thus we shall drive out the belief of inharmony and imperfection. By acknowledging—that is serving, manifesting—no other than the one perfect Mind—God, we shall destroy every erroneous condition of human experience.

Love to you all,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK.
August 8, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Mother tells me in her letter that you are a good, *good* boy. This she has always known, but every day you are going to prove it to her more and more.

You can always know when you are good, for you will feel so free and happy and strong and well.

Love has given you everything beautiful and good so I *know* you are happy.

Your dear parents and brother are giving out this love to you every minute, so you must be *very* loving and obedient to them. God has given them this love to give to you. Be very grateful for it all.

Love to father, mother and to you.

Faithfully yours

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 12, 1913.

DEAR ——:

You are learning, day by day, as you read the textbook of Christian Science, that man is a mental being and that there is but one Mind. The *claim* that there is any mind other than God, supreme, intelligent good, must be met by a steadfast denial. As you do this,

you are bringing forward your own reality, your immortal identity, thus following the example of the Master Metaphysician, Christ Jesus. This man of God's creating proved himself to be the image and likeness of God. His method of proof was the constant and earnest protest against the materialistic beliefs of his and all times.

We can do likewise. Indeed the Spirit of Truth, divine Love, infinite Mind is forcing each in turn, and in the fulness of time, to yield to its omnipotence.

Always in your thought of E——, *know* that he is mental not corporeal; that he is spiritual not material; that God holds him whole and perfect in Mind.

Much love to you. Be faithful in your reading and apply all you grasp, daily, hourly.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 7, 1913.

DEAR ——:

I hope you are finding in the teacher's book exemplification and demonstration of the textbook, our blessed Leader's work. I never open it that I do not find a wonderful expression of Truth. For the last few days this statement in *Science and Health* has been constantly in my mind: "Man is the expression of Soul." We must then voice the Truth, talk it, circulate it, express it, in words, in action, in deeds, in every means known. The full declaration is made by the ideal man in the degree which we *express* Soul. S. & H. 477

So, beloved, speak the truth, act it, do it. This is your life. This mental activity, brought to the point of expression, will transform the body, by the constant renewal of Mind. This would and does do away with

all belief conditions such as congestion, irritation, inflammation, etc. There are no such conditions; viewed from the point of intelligence they *are not.*

S. & H. 16 Be strong in your conviction that Mind is all. You cannot be dual for there is but *one* Mind. The "*Adorable One*" *is.* You are a member of Christ—the manifest Truth. Pour the light of conscious reflection on the belief, the dream, the lie, the illusion; hypnotism cannot operate. Declare this. *Silence* the claim, put it out of suppositional business. Unite yourself consciously with God. *Know* the Truth and *be* free. This is your God-given right.

Matt. 5:8 Mind creates ideas and their *identities.* You know that you are idea; now let your identity appear, be known as imaging Life, Truth, Love. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall *see* God." *Do* we see God? Are we pure in heart? That is the question. It all lies with ourselves to know nothing but Christ. I have come back with stronger desire, more imperative yearning for the vision of Life discerned spiritually. I *know* that you are image, idea, child of God, and am persuaded that I shall see this. No illusion of so-called material sense can hide the true image. Let us watch for it everywhere and penetrate the false concept!

Love to you all three.

S. M. Huse.

New York City,
September 14, 1913.

Dear ——:

This clear, beautiful day is made so only by the operation of pure thought. If our thought were wholly pure we should see God, see the compound idea, the universe including man, or in other words *Man*, the

family name for all God's ideas—the formations of Mind. This true sense involves no error, hence it is not material, but is true substance "that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay." The lesson this week is certainly for you, dear. It meets your need completely. It meets every human need by showing us that there is no human, no mortal, no fleshly mind. There are no material senses. This lesson is giving me such inspiration, such joy and such a sense of dominion! My heart is overflowing with gratitude and I know that this is reflection which will heal, or rather destroy, the belief that there is anything to be healed. S. & H. 468

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 19, 1913.

DEAR ——:

You are, I feel sure, earnestly studying the letter of Christian Science, as it is given to us in the Bible, and in Science and Health. The life of Jesus, recorded in the Gospels, exemplifies this Christ Science. He *is* the Way. We must *do* as he did. How can we walk in this Way and arrive at his demonstration of the Truth unless we study, ponder and gain the understanding of his words and deeds? Now that we have the "Key to the Scriptures" we can open the Way, and find Health, or wholeness, in the true apprehension of what constitutes Science.

As you put into operation the truths of Science; as you learn to work from a spiritual basis, instead of a material basis; as you begin to view yourself and all things as mental, and not physical; as you more and more throw the weight of your thought into the scale with God, and trust the power of Love more than you

credit the false claim to power of fear, you will image forth consciously, embody in your daily life, more and more of the omnipotence, the infinitude of good, and bring forth, in phenomena, the affluent riches of health, strength, understanding, peace, joy, fruition.

Hold E—— as perfect. Look for the ideal man in all about you. Let divine Love so illumine your thought, that you can penetrate the false creations of mortal thought and behold, with John, the "new heavens and . . . new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

II Peter 3:13

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 1, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your letter. I was glad to have you uncover conditions. They are already changed for error cannot continue its claim to be existent when it is uncovered. It is the work of truth to lay bare the lie, "for whatsoever doth make manifest is light." If Truth does it then Truth has penetrated the veil of belief and revealed truth.

Eph. 5:13

Never be afraid to take your stand for Principle and for idea. The publishing of our teacher's book has made it easier for all who were not in the immediate struggle which precipitated her out of material organization. You have a definite platform upon which to stand; you can give a reason for the faith that is in you. You can refer people to this book which speaks for itself and answers every accusation brought against our teacher. It makes you strong to declare yourself. Place is mental, so when we announce ourselves as adherents of Truth, and as recognizing that Mrs. Stetson

is a true, loyal follower of our Leader, and is an advanced student and demonstrator of divine metaphysics, we are accorded a *place* and can stand on firm ground. Leave no one in doubt as to your convictions. Have the *courage* of your convictions. Announce yourself quietly (not combatively nor in a spirit of arrogant challenge, but in the spirit of humility and gratitude) as Mrs. Stetson's student. "Honesty is spiritual power." S. & H. 453

I know you are strong! Be not afraid. Be loving, meekness is might! Be sure that you do not make error real. It is but error; it cannot be true for there is not one element of Truth in it.

Always, dear, I am,

Lovingly, faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.
October 9, 1913.

DEAR——:

Your voice was very steady over the telephone, this afternoon, and I felt that you were strong, and free from the illusion that mortal thought was real, or held sway with A—— L——.

You *know* that God is the only creator; that there is but one creation; that man is the image and likeness of perfect Love; that nothing can hide this immortal image. There is no counterfeit creation, no claim creator, no serpentine belief opposed to the clear understanding of this one universe including all pure, true, real concepts.

Use your God-thought to dispel, by its clear, radiant intelligence, the mists of mortal mentality.

You know that there is one law, and this is the law of

Spirit. There is no material law, no material conditions resulting from a belief in material law.

The only medicine is Mind, for Mind includes and constitutes all qualities. Mind imparts potions of its own qualities. These qualities are also qualities of Life, for Mind *is* Life.

Therefore there is no *materia* medica, no drug, no anæsthetic, no dope, no quality of mortal mind to produce the phenomenon of a drug.

Love is all and is reflected in love. There is, there can be no fear, no hate, no envy, no ignorance, no resistance to the one divine Principle, immortal Good, indestructible, immutable Truth.

Now there is but one Ego, the ever-present I AM, the only consciousness, the sole Cause. The ego man, or real individual idea of God expresses the Ego God—is the perfect effect of this perfect Cause.

The understanding and apprehension of this fact is universal. There is no tree of the knowledge of good *and* evil. These opposites never mingle. The knowledge of good precludes the knowledge of evil. The tree of Life, divine Principle, denies, renders impossible the existence of a tree, the eating of whose fruit would produce death.

God, the Principle of man, never slumbers nor sleeps; then man does not dream. There is no one to dream, there is no dream. Adam and Eve and the serpent belief of sensuality is a myth. Science, the seal of God, has destroyed this myth, and unfolded the grand realities of being.

Error cannot stand before Truth. Truth is declared. Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has pronounced the Word of God; has declared the Science of Christ; has announced the presence of Mind and the absence of matter.

Repeat her declaration; make it your own. Denounce the arguments of suppositional mortal mentality and rise to your God-given heritage, dominion over all belief.

A—— L—— hears the Truth; he is himself this Truth manifested. He belongs to the body of Christ, and as a member of that adorable One, he is moved by the will of God. There is but one Soul. This Soul is never without its expression, man. Life is infinite and must ever continue to appear in phenomenon—existence.

Harmony can never be broken or interrupted by discord. There is but one consciousness and this one consciousness cannot be cognizant of disease. Deny strongly, vehemently, steadily and confidently, the lie that would obtain in false consciousness that A——L—— is sick. *It is not true!* No one believes it. He can rouse to deny this lie himself, and counteract the mesmerism of mortal mind, so-called.

Use the lesson. Read every statement into consciousness. Fill the house, the town, the world with the light of your understanding of the allness of good. Keep the thought ringing, "All is Life! Love casteth out fear! Good is omnipotent! Man is immortal! There is no pleasure nor pain in matter!" Shout out mentally the scientific statement of being. Make your own at-one-ment with God, then you can speak with authority to every form of error, every erroneous concept.

Give my love to your mother. I will write her to-morrow.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 14, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Your clear, firm, strong sense of Life and Truth and Love was evidenced in your letter this morning. I am sure that there is a sense of Life reigning in the house and that all feel the sustaining power of Love.

Our dear teacher has said so much in her blessed book that I feel that all has been said. Together with our textbook you have a feast ever spread in the wilderness. You can ever sit at this table and you can drink of the Rock, Christ, which follows you. Turn constantly to this refreshment. Give it to those who are journeying with you.

Your dear father is being fed from this same table and is drinking from the same living fountain.

My. 357 That "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*," we *must* demonstrate. We now *believe* this statement and trust its power and demonstrability.

The tender Father-Mother Love is meeting every human need, and out of this experience will lift you and all to higher and clearer views of man as never born and never dying, but always immortal and eternally present.

Let us press forward more meekly, more bravely than ever and manifest more of the deathless Christ, so that we may awaken it in others.

Give my love to Mrs. L——. I shall write her tomorrow. My thought is with you.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 19, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Just a word to acknowledge your letter, received this morning. Yes, I shall turn the searchlight of truth on

you and find you to be what you have always been, a perfect member of the Christ. "The clouds of sense roll back and show the form divinely fair."

Add to your reading, Mrs. Stetson's book, Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence. You will find it will bring you into the consciousness of *demonstration.*

At this hour we need to handle vigorously the claim of false teaching; for now is the hour when this audacious falsity must be fully uncovered, exposed, denounced and destroyed.

Let us gird on our armor, and with redoubled zeal and clearer, firmer understanding, march out under the banner of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and of our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, against every claim to a power other than good. You are mental and are as strong as your *thought.*

There is one Mind, one *thought*-force and that is omnipotent. There is nothing to fear. There is no fear! Love is All.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 4, 1913.

DEAR ——:

The glory of your loving thought, as expressed by the beautiful chrysanthemums and rich autumn leaves, filled my room and consciousness with its radiance. I am grateful to God, the source of all good, and to you, His idea, who reveal the hidden treasures of Mind, by reflecting the divine hues of Love.

I feel that we have all come, individually and collectively, to a very narrow place in the path that winds upward. We are enacting the Allegory, as told in

Mis. 323 *Miscellaneous Writings.* We must cast off the encumbering baggage of human thoughts, aims, ambitions, theories, standards and beliefs, and acknowledge one Power, one goal; we cannot admit the argument, for an instant, that there is any other world than the one God knows and governs, with absolute good. We are in the latter days of mortal, so-called *mind.* We have come to the consummation of time. All we can do is to stand firm on the rock of spiritual existence and *demonstrate* the scientific statement of being. *Man* is about to be revealed. We are harmonizing the first chapter of Genesis and the last chapter of Revelation. They are, in fact, one and must be so understood. Do not let yourself be deceived by the seeming confusion of mortal mentality; this is coincident with its final destruction. "Let Christian Science, instead of corporeal sense, support your understanding of being, and this understanding will supplant error with Truth, replace mortality with immortality, and silence discord with harmony."

S. & H. 495

Let go of any belief in the power of evil, error, to separate you from Principle or from any one of the ideas of Love. Be patient with yourself and watch for the appearing Christ in those nearest you.

The work of a Christian Scientist, at this hour, is not so much the healing of sickness in so-called "patients," but the overcoming of sin and the belief in sin, in themselves.

Now, dear heart, be strong; be of good courage. Your work lies all about you and you will accomplish it by being what God knows you to be—*His* reflector, *His* image, His instrument, the child of Love, a member of His Christ. *Let* God *use* His own idea; let Christ control and direct his own body.

Thank you again for your love and its beautiful manifestation.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 12, 1913.

DEAR ——:

Your letter brought me a sense of healthy mental which means as a result a healthy body. This gives me joy. I know you are putting off the old man and are putting on the new man which is renewed in righteousness.

I hope you are reading our teacher's book, Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence. I find it a help and an inspiration every time I open it. I think we should read it into consciousness for in it are solved so many of the problems that must be worked out by every one.

A *spiritual* understanding of Science and Health is absolutely essential to bring about the destruction of the claim of sin. We are now fighting a materialistic interpretation of Science and Health which would hide the Truth just as it has been hidden by inadequate and scholastic views of the Bible.

Keep your lamp burning brightly. Constantly renew your oil by communing with Principle, imbibing the spirit while you continue to be faithful in your reading of the letter.

As to my coming to you, work is closing in pretty heavily and I must be on the spot. Do not think for an instant, dear, that it crowds me but only that I cannot be away from my post.

Give much love to your mother, brother and you.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

This is Thanksgiving Day, as it is every day, for if we would but recognize "every good gift and every perfect gift" that "cometh down from the Father" there would be no cessation in our song of praise and thanksgiving.

James 1:17

Thank you, dear, for your note. I wish the little dress were better and of brighter hue that it might reflect more of the cheer and hope and life that I am sure are yours.

It always seems to me that we should express in our dress and in *ourselves* generally the *beauty* of holiness, and be a radiant example of the joy that is ours as children of Light.

Let us be thankful, peaceful in our thoughts; kindly and considerate of our actions towards those immediately around us; obedient to that spirit of courtesy which will keep us in the law and order of unselfishness and love.

Be happy, dear. Make the most of your opportunities to be selfless and considerate of others. When you have fulfilled the law of love you will be brought out tenderly and gently by our loving Father into His world of larger opportunities for more selfless labor for all mankind.

Till then be patient, be obedient, be happy.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 11, 1913.

DEAR ——:

You have been in my thoughts so much, and many times I have sat down to write you, but you have not received any evidence of this. Surely it is time that you should.

Your brave, strong realization of Truth and Life must also have made you conscious of Love, for they are one.

Thank you for sending me the clipping about your father. Certainly it is a noble tribute to a noble man. This helps you to realize the ideal of God, and to discern the Christ-man. *Science and Health* says, "Thought will finally be understood and seen in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments." She further says that "Matter is neither created by Mind nor for the manifestation and support of Mind." We must come to the realization that man's senses are spiritual; we must use these senses, and behold the true form, substance, and color of idea. "The senses of Spirit abide in Love, and they demonstrate Truth and Life." Our one concern then is to love divinely, for "*Love is reflected in love.*" Then "whatever is possible to God, is possible to man *as God's reflection.*" How clear it is that as *Love* is God, *love* must be man. The same Power which created all must reveal, or perceive this all. This is what I understand to be meant in Genesis, "God *saw* every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." Mrs. Eddy adds, "Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?" To see good we must be God's reflectors, be Godlike.

S. & H. 310 — S. & H. 279 — S. & H. 274 — 17 Mis. 183 — Gen. 1:31 — S. & H. 519

When you come to town be sure to come in.

You are every day proving the allness of God, I know. Love is ever meeting your every need.

Dear, tender, enduring love to you.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL HUSE.

December 23, 1913.

DEAR SISTER:

When you begged so lovingly that I should come up this week, I could not summon the courage to give you a decided answer in the negative, for I thought perhaps I *could* so work it out that it would be right for me to come.

Dear, I want you to understand how much it means to me for you and the precious children to want me with you. You are very dear to me and there is literally no human sacrifice that I would not make for you and the children.

Some years ago, I was called out, as distinctly as was Samuel, to serve God in his temple; to leave the human sense of things; to come out from the world and be separate; to preach the gospel of Christian healing; to devote thought, energy, and desire to the establishing of Christ's kingdom, in the affections of all. This goal is constantly before me. I have often stumbled and had to pick myself up, but I have struggled on. My understanding of the way has not always been sufficient to guide me up the steep ascent, and my fidelity has not equaled the demand, many times, but the *desire* to obey the divine will is each day stronger, and my love for God and man is clearer and more selfless, I know.

I am sending you a word from her who never faltered in the steep ascent; never turned aside from the
Po. "sweet secret of the narrow way." She is our Leader
4 out of the sense world to Soul; out of the fleshly mind into the one and *only* Mind. For centuries, ecclesiastical creed and dogma, founded on human will and carnal appetite, have fostered the belief in the *human Jesus* as the Son of God. The *Christ* Jesus has been obscured. Consequently *we* as *members* of Christ, have been in

the cloud of material, physical sense. Holding *him* as physical, we have held *ourselves* as mortal. But now the clear understanding of the Christ has come to the world, through the illuminated thought of Mrs. Eddy. We are beginning to grasp the meaning of Jesus' words: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven"; in other words, know that you are *mental*, and acknowledge one Mind, even Spirit, Good, Life, Truth, Love; let no thought originate in matter, or physical sense, but let every thought proceed from Soul, from Spirit. Every act and word will then be fathered by a true thought, and we shall be found in the image and likeness of God, our Father-Mother.

Matt. 23:9

The Science of this great fact was known to Jesus, but the world was not ready to receive it. That he knew it is evidenced in everything he said and did.

Although Mary's conception of Jesus was spiritual, she threw over him her own human nature. It was this nature against which he struggled in the wilderness, when he "was with the wild beasts;" it was this human heritage that was nailed to the cross; it was this false sense of man that he brought out of the tomb, to show that death does not destroy it, but that it must be overcome of *life*. This last statement he proved at the Ascension, when he disappeared to the false, physical sense of his disciples, in the same moment when he declared, "lo, I am with you alway."

Mark 1:13

Matt. 28:20

Now this same Jesus is our way-shower. He said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." We must do as he did, look for man in Mind instead of matter, in Soul instead of body, in Truth instead of error.

Matt. 16:24

S. & H. 477 Mrs. Eddy says: "this correct view of man healed the sick."

Now, darlings, at this time when the whole human race is looking into the manger, and more or less contemplating the human babe rather than the divine Christ, or ideal man, the *real* man, I feel I *must* withdraw from the material sense of things, so that the "correct view of man" may dawn on my mental vision; so that when called upon to heal the sick and reform the sinner, I may correct in consciousness a false view of God and man, and say to the leper, Be thou clean, to the palsied, Arise and walk, to the withered arm, Stretch it out; that I may say understandingly to the woman who cannot lift up herself, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity;" Satan hath bound thee, this is not of God, is not real, is not true.

So, on Christmas Day, I shall stay in my office, declaring the allness of God; sending out the thought; Christ is come,—the reality of man, and the universe of God's creating has dawned on human thought.

This message will reach you, dear, for you are close to my thought. It will bless and strengthen and cheer much more than would my personal presence.

You will all have a happy, merry Christmas, I know, for you certainly are good and true and faithful. I send you so much love and hope to come up shortly after New Year.

Embrace each one of the blessed children for me.

I will give C—— a special thought; he said he was meeting a little "erroneous sense testimony." He is all right, for God makes him so.

Your loving sister,

SIBYL.

December 26, 1913.

DEAR ——:

The "short wish" from you was and is the father of a happy "thought" for me. Thank you for the "remembrance." I am sending you a little booklet containing a Christmas message from Mrs. Eddy to the world. This *Message* seems to me to be an epitome of Christian Science. You will get much by a careful study of it. You will see that just as the divine idea, or Christ, Truth dawned upon universal consciousness but was discerned by only a few earnest seekers and followers in every age; so it must be born in the consciousness of each individual. Mrs. Eddy says of this birth or revelation of Truth, "Its beginning will be meek, its growth sturdy, and its maturity undecaying." She also says in *Miscellaneous Writings*, "The new birth is not the work of a moment. It begins with moments, and goes on with years; moments of surrender to God, of childlike trust and joyful adoption of good; moments of self-abnegation, self-consecration, heaven-born hope, and spiritual love." S. & H. 463 Mis. 15

This new birth has begun for you. Guard this little Christ child. Feed it with "the sincere milk of the word" till it becomes strong and sturdy and able to speak for itself, until error can no longer be heard above the voice of Truth, and you are constantly conscious of the everpresence of divine Love. I Peter 2:2

Faithfully and lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 28, 1913.

DEAR ——:

A letter half written to you is now on my desk at the office, but this evening, Sunday at Number Seven,

offers an opportune time to write you a few lines, so I shall ignore the letter already begun.

It seems best to send you a few lines, just now, of cheer and encouragement. Such a strange letter has come from E—— M—— that we thought you might be perhaps feeling a little reflex action from it, and not know what was the matter. You and I are not surprised at anything from that quarter and will quietly wait until the chemicalization works itself out. You, in the meantime, are perfectly undisturbed, untouched, for it does not concern you. You are a student. At no time has one student jurisdiction over another. I am sure the time is coming and indeed is now here, when the terms practitioner and patient will be more sparingly, more judiciously used. There has always seemed to me a danger of domination on the part of a practitioner and of undue subordination on the part of the patient. Verily, to even use the terms admits that there is a disease to be healed. I am trying to overcome the claim of "patient" by realizing that every discord should be met at once. Our Leader said there should be instantaneous healing; this would do away with the dependence of patient and practitioner. I think you know I have always felt strongly on this subject, especially when the would-be patient is a student. More than ever before should we point every one to Principle, and so learn ourselves to lean "on the sustaining infinite," that each one will know how to *use* Principle and operate the rule to the end that the individual, or rather personal problems may be worked out. This will bring out strong, self-reliant trustworthiness and do away with much personal contagion, and lazy evasion of individual responsibility. None of this is necessary to write to you, for you have ever

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been awake on this. Yet no, I do not know that I can say "always," for I think you have had to arrive at this view point by hard experiences and well fought battles.

The dear teacher is fine, very valiant, strong, brave, and full of cheer. She sends you unmeasured love.

How are the dear girls? Fine I know and growing in favor with God and men. Give them much love.

Of course you have the new book, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany. It is my endless delight. The strong, clear, virile utterances of the Leader are *magnificent.* I have time for no other reading for my hands are pretty full now, a number of new "patients." There it is again. I *know* that it is only my *belief* in a claim that I can destroy, by reflecting Truth instead of mirroring error!

Love to you all three.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

You are living in that true and only real consciousness where there is "no more sea"—no element of error, for your life is "hid with Christ in God"; in Him you live and move and have your being. You cannot wander outside of your Father's loving care and protection. You are "leaning on the sustaining infinite." *Lean* on this immutable omnipotence and it will meet your every need. Rev. 21:1 Col. 3:3 S. & H. Pref. vii

I know that divine Love is ever-present and that you know this and are conscious of it. Abide in the atmosphere of Love and deny all arguments or suggestions of another power. Handle error but not as a reality; it is merely belief and *you* do *not* believe it.

Remember that all ties of the flesh are but counterfeits of the "bonds of Christ." If we rise to the realization of this through overcoming our own finite, false beliefs and carnal qualities, we will dissolve the fleshly tie and reveal the idea which is a member of Christ.

If, on the other hand, we accept the counterfeit as real and ignorantly cling to it, we cannot perceive or reveal the individual idea and so cannot know the Mind of Christ—Principle.

Again, if we willfully and violently wrench the human ties or are unfaithful to the obligations they impose, we are left without any phenomena in the darkness and loneliness of vacuity. We must seek the heavenly tints and catch the radiance of the "manifestation of God" which "is as light passing through the window-pane. The light and the glass never mingle, but as matter, the glass is less opaque than the walls." Let it not be said of you that you loved (or feared or made real) darkness, (the counterfeit), better than *light* (the "manifestation of God . . . passing through the window-pane"). Even if instead of the window-pane there seems to be an opaque wall let us *know* that the "light" is there "wearing the thickness thin."

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Be faithful.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

Mrs. L—— brought me your letter to read. You will never regret your definite stand, although you will have to meet the aroused animality of the carnal mind. Remember that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal," *but* they *are* "mighty through God to the pull-

II Cor. 10:4

ing down of strong holds." The armor of God is fully identified by St. Paul. Put it on daily; buckle it on securely; go forth in the strength of the Spirit and use the Word of God against every form of belief. Do you not see that as soon as you planted your feet in Christ you found work to do for Truth? The parable of the Vineyard is always an inspiration to me. The Truth found us idle in the market place—mortal mind could no longer engage our activities; the mesmerism and hypnotism of the human dream had broken sufficiently for us to see how fruitless was our labor and toil in the darkness of materiality. Then came the loving, searching call of Truth, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" We answered, "Because no man hath hired us,"—we see nothing to do, all is vague, useless, transitory. Then we were sent into the vineyard to prune and to train, to gather the ripe fruit, to tread the winepress and finally to "drink" of the "fruit of the vine." Surely, it is a blessed cup and the "wine" *is* "the inspiration of Love." We may *give* the cup of cold water, but the *wine*, each one must tread out of the fruit gathered by himself and pressed out by his own dear bought understanding.

Matt. 20:6, 7

Matt. 26:29 S. & H. 35

The lesson makes it clear that every day is probation. We are dying daily to sin and thus revealing our life which is hid with Christ in God—with Truth in divine Love.

Be firm, be steadfast, faithful, loving, gentle.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your "love currency." You keep the current flowing, do you not?

I am rejoicing in this warm, beautiful day—knowing that you have it too.

It is blessed to feel that "the winter of our discontent" is over. It has been put to flight by the Sun of Righteousness. How clear it is that Adam, Eve and serpent are one error. The serpent is corporeal sense. When we silence this lying, talking sense there is no Adam, no Eve. Man is Life, Truth, Love manifested, he is *not* Adameveserpent. *Know* that you are now the very presence of omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence. As for evil, it has no identity, because there is no such causation as evil to manifest itself as person, place or thing.

God created every plant before it was in the earth, mortal thought alone put it into the ground; belief alone conceives a material accompaniment. Everything that *is* is good. Let divine intelligence reveal its own perfect universe to you. God sustains you. You are given strength according to your need.

My love is ever with you.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.

DEAR ——:

I was pleased with your last letter. It spoke of that
S. & H. 23 "self-reliant trustworthiness, which includes spiritual understanding and confides all to God."

The one Mind includes all identities. Your home is in Mind and right thinking will manifest, reveal, objectify it. There is no *materializing* of spiritual thought. There is, however, a phenomenon accompanying or resulting from *every* thought. The more spiritual the thought, the better will be the object, or effect. Our

environment is our *quality* of thought objectified. Our one aim should be to think God's thoughts after Him, not with the purpose and aim of benefiting ourselves but solely that we may manifest, glorify God. What the effect of a God-thought, or what a pure consciousness would cognize, we do not yet know, but let us *let* that Mind be in us "which was also in Christ Jesus"; then the concepts will gradually change to better and better until all that is discordant and unlike good will be eliminated from our thought, and consequently from its phenomenon—ourselves. Phil. 2:5

Watch carefully that no scholastic poison creep in to dull your clear sight. No *mortal* is the idea of God. Handle the claim that would, for an instant, make you believe that the objectified belief of scholastic theology has any place in God's universe. The *idea*, which the false concept hides, is God's image, and God takes care of it, but have nothing to do, even in your thought, with the so-called "cloistered sister." Love will deliver you from the false image. Keep close to Principle. Be happy, for Spirit brings joy and peace.

Remember that "The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind—called *devil* or evil—is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality." S. & H. 469

Faithfully yours,
SYBIL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

Mrs. B—— has told me of you and your desire and search for the Truth. She tells me that you have been interested in reading Science and Health. I rejoice to

hear this for you are on the right road; you have found the way which leads to health and harmony.

Last summer, I was in Burlington with a friend who put into the Burlington Library a copy of Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, by Augusta E. Stetson. You will find this a most helpful book in your study of Christian Science, for in it you will find almost every problem of human existence touched upon and elucidated. All of Mrs. Eddy's works are in the Library, and I urge upon you the earnest study of these books, and faithful observance of the instruction therein contained.

You will learn from them how to understand what Jesus said and did, and also how to follow the commands he gave to all Christians. You will learn that you are a mental being, wholly governed by thought. You will learn the importance of right thinking. This right thinking can result only from possessing the mind of Christ. Science and Health will lead you to a knowledge of the divine Mind which performed all the mighty works of Jesus and of his disciples.

Open your thought to the voice of Truth; this will unstop your ears and you will *hear*.

Sincerely yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

Your letter reached me Tuesday, and this is the first opportunity I have had to reply.

John 8:32 Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." He also said, that to know the *Father* and himself was life eternal. Then to know the *Truth* is to know God as the only *Father*, and ourselves

as His image and likeness. As God is good, His image and likeness must be good. We must acquaint ourselves with good, God, so as to *know* ourselves, and thus be free from a false sense, which is the cause of all discord and suffering. Discord is the error of existence, just as discord is the error of music. That two plus two equals five is not mathematics. Neither is a discordant mortal, man. He is but a false statement of man. By denying this false statement, and declaring the true statement, that man is the image and likeness of God, of Life, of Truth, of Love, and cannot be anything else for there is nothing else in Truth; by affirming and claiming the right and prerogative that this *true* statement involves; by denying the possibility of man's ever losing, or being deprived of the authority that *being* the image and likeness of Omnipotence bestows; by never losing consciousness of man's royal birthright—dominion over all things; by *knowing* that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" and that there is no place where God is not; by understanding that man's senses are spiritual and therefore can cognize only the things of God, who is "of purer eyes than to behold evil"; by this constant exercise of that "mind which was also in Christ Jesus," and the unceasing rejection of the carnal, fleshly, material senses and their false evidence, we shall follow Jesus, in the way he trod, and prove for ourselves, as he proved for himself, man's sonship with God. We shall finally destroy the dual nature and reveal our divine nature, which is the only true nature.

II Cor. 3:17

Hab. 1:13

Phil. 2:5

You cannot be deprived of one of your faculties; they are indestructible for they are in Mind, and can never be lost. Mrs. Eddy says, "Mind is God. The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind."

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Hearing is mental impression. Then hold yourself as mental, and this mental the image and likeness of
Matt. 23:9 God, therefore perfect. "Call no man your father upon the earth," said Jesus. We understand this to mean, let God, divine Mind, father every thought, be the primitive and ultimate source of every desire, every aim, ambition, joy; in other words, image forth good in every thought, word and deed. In proportion as you do this, you will reflect, manifest, the power of infinite
Matt. 23:9 Love and thus prove as Jesus did, "one is your Father, which is in heaven." With this understanding repeat the Lord's Prayer, which Mrs. Eddy says is the prayer of Soul, not of material sense.

I will gladly help you by treatment. My desire is always to overcome evil with good, and this is only another opportunity to work for God—to demonstrate the divine everpresence of Love, which casteth out fear.
S. & H. 494 Mrs. Eddy says, "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need."

You have been brave. Divine Love has supported you through the wilderness journey. You know the promise that the desert shall bud and blossom as the rose.

Your next step should be to have Science and Health so that you can constantly turn to it. Let your thought be permeated with its truth. Open your mind to it, like a little child. Do not try to assimilate and understand it all at once, but let it make its own way with
Mis. 208 you. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, says, "the universal law of God has no knowledge of evil, and enters unconsciously the human heart and governs it."

Be faithful, trustful, hopeful, loving and happy. God is leading you. Say little or nothing about your having treatment. Like Mary keep all these things and ponder them in your heart.

You are wise in your thought about attending church with your son. Make yourself so familiar with Science and Health that you can let your thought dwell in it, while at service. Commit to memory the scientific statement of being, which you will find on page 468 of *Science and Health*. Also learn the twenty-third and ninety-first psalms.

I want to help you and I know that God has sent you to me. I am going to make no regular charge but shall leave it with God. He will enable you to do what is right for you to do.

If you do not own Science and Health, that should be your first outlay.

I am beginning treatment today. You know that God is the *only* Power.

Love *is* omnipotent.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Your letters, both, reached me. I am so sorry to have left you in doubt as to my having received the first of them. My hands have been very full,—patients who needed a good deal of attention, in some cases it being necessary for me to go to them. You will forgive my delay in writing. I have not neglected you, but it has been so that I could not write except a little word, and I wanted to write you at some length, for there are several points in your letter that I want to take up with you.

Dear friend, we all have to learn that God is our supply. No matter of what nature the need is, we must look for the means to meet it to the Giver of all good.

S. & H. 403 Mrs. Eddy says, "You command the situation if you understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being." To rouse ourselves from this "state of self-deception" is the task before us. To do this we need to know the truth, then hold firmly to this truth until we demonstrate, *prove*, it to *be true*. Self-deception robs us of everything that God has so richly bestowed upon us. As His image, we have all that God has. James says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." So it is with every lack, whether it be lack of health, education, ability, opportunity, home, money, or any of the many forms that human limitation assumes. These needs arise from a false sense of life, and from ignorance of God.

James 1:5

God is Life. God is Mind. We have looked into matter for life and for intelligence. *Nothing* is there. All is in Mind, in God. Jesus understood this perfectly, and was able to meet every human need, at once, by looking to his Father, to Principle, using his Christ mind. So he fed the hungry multitude; gave health to the sick, and moral stamina to the sinner. He said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." In other words: all is Mind, and we, as ideas of Mind, reflect all *things*. Now, Mind is Love, so to reflect or manifest Mind is to radiate love. Study the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and see what the nature of love is.

Matt. 6:33

Have no fear, dear; God supplies your every need. Trust Him. That is, trust good. Be confident that good is ever triumphant. Let divine Love drive out all fear, which would incapacitate you, and blind you to the presence of good. Listen for God's voice and you will hear it in the voice of man.

Make all error *unreal.* Do not let it move you, either to impatience, to anger, to pleasure, or to pain. Do not let yourself be an avenue for error or discord of any kind. Do not voice or act it. *Be* Christ-like. Be what you really are—God's child, Mind's perfect idea. This *idea* is not flesh and bones, it is purely spiritually mental and is born of God.

Deny every suggestion, every thought that does not come to you from God, from good. Be faithful in your reading of your textbook. Remember that you are studying the Science of Life. You will find the Quarterly Lessons very helpful.

Write me freely and often. I am never too busy to help you. I shall write you when I can; but be sure that I am working for you and realizing your perfection as a member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven, harmony.

Be happy. God has made you free. *Enjoy* your liberty as a son of God.

Your dear father is a perfect child of the one Father. He has always been in Mind, in God, where he, as do all of us, "live, and move, and have our being." He is a member of Christ who is the manifestation or body of Soul, God. He is made in the image and likeness of immutable Truth. Human *belief* presented to you a finite, material concept, involving imperfection, helpless, involuntary beginning and end. This false concept you have lost, in belief. When the Christ overcomes the human sense of things, and the state of self-deception called mortal existence, with all its discords of sin, sickness and death, is destroyed, we shall know even as also we are known; we shall see face to face; we shall awake with His likeness and be satisfied.

Acts 17:28

Your dear father is working out his salvation, is awakening to his real selfhood as a true idea, not a mortal concept. There is but one Life, one Mind, one universe, one heaven and earth—the *new*, that is that consciousness, or New Jerusalem, which is constantly emanating from God—Truth.

To realize this one Mind, which Jesus recognized as his *Father*, will be to make our at-one-ment with this Father, as Jesus did.

Love is the only presence, the only Power.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

You are not alone, dear heart; you are in the company of all those who love the appearing of the Christ. There is no loneness, no separation in the understanding of Truth. God is, has been, through the years, fitting you for His work in the vineyard. The Lord of the vineyard found you *idle* in the market place. You had found the traffic and commerce, the competition and rivalry, the robbing and selling of material thought, the interchange of mortal concepts—you had found all this vain and empty, and with listless feet and down dropped hands you were standing "idle." Then the Christ, your own, real self, questioned, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" You replied, "No one hath hired me"—nothing is really worth while; no one engages my trust, my interest; the world has lost its glamour; I find no substance in its baubles, no reality in its pleasures; its love is not love; its life is a sham and deception. Then the dear Christ took you by the hand, saying, oh so gently: My child, I have been

Matt. 20:6

waiting for you to finish with the shadows, that I might bring you into your own place "prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Look up! Gather the grapes; tread out the wine; lift the cup to your lips; drink of its pure inspiration; at the close of the day, (there is no night, but the dawning of a still fairer Day), you shall receive the coin stamped with the image of the king, even the full understanding that you are, in very deed and truth, the expressed image and likeness of the Father-Mother-Love. Matt. 25:34

You will be a faithful worker. Remember that you are mental, and that you represent, declare the one Mind, even Love, Truth, Life. You are lifting the world when you are pouring out into consciousness true, pure, strong thoughts. You are fighting the world's great battle, when, panoplied in love, you rebuke mentally and, when need be, audibly all deception, dishonesty, hypocrisy. You are lifting the sackcloth from the eyes of the sorrowing, when you rise above every suggestion of depression, or discouragement or fear. You are enlightening all mankind, when you proclaim God's kingdom is here and now established to be seen and enjoyed.

Always faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

My time has been so filled that letters have been waiting for attention, among them yours. But, dear, I know that you have the precious textbook with you and that you are hungry for the Truth. There is bread enough and to spare. Take all you can eat and still the store is in no wise diminished. You are God's

child; you are the effect of an unerring Cause; this Cause is Mind, the Source of all things good; you are in this divine Mind with all God's ideas; you can never be lonely nor forsaken, for you reflect "the beatific presence, illuming the universe with light." The consciousness of this one Mind destroys all belief in any other power. There can be no mesmerism, no hypnotism, no erroneous influence, no personal magnetism, no *fear* of any such suppositional errors to one who understands the might of *ever-present* divine Love.

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Declare for your individual reflection of that Light which is infinite intelligence. Turn this intelligence like a searchlight on the suggestion of depression or error of whatever name or nature. Love is your being and knows nothing but that which is Love-like. Lift your thought to God, good, and deny all being or actuality to evil. *Radiate* your light; *express* yourself in terms of harmony and beauty.

There may be a tendency for one who lives alone to become self-centered. Look out for that; give of yourself, of your thoughts and their *expression* to God and mankind. Realize that you possess only as you reflect, radiate, give out. We must remember always that we are the sons and daughters of the Giver of all good, "God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Let us remember this always, and *shine*. If our thought is imbued with this light we will express it in outline, form and color. Let us honor God with our substance and *express* His bounty and affluent love. I often think of these words of Paul: "The *grace* of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the *love* of God, and the *communion* of the Holy Ghost, be with you all." The *grace* of Jesus Christ in thought,

I Tim. 6:17

Matt. 5:14

II Cor. 13:14

word and deed must have been exquisite! We must have that grace in thought and *express* it in every possible way in our lives. Indeed the love of God in our hearts will bring out the image and likeness of good, the beauty of holiness. Let us then walk, conduct ourselves, as children of the mighty God; let us be worthy representatives of the King of all the earth. We must bear the impress of royalty and exercise our God-given dominion. This dominion is given to the meek in heart; to those who seek not their own glory but seek to show forth the glory of the Father. This will bring us into familiar *communion* with the Spirit of Life, Truth and Love, and we shall then be found executors of the Will of God, not victims of the will of the flesh. This is heaven indeed. This is to be in our native element of peace and harmony; to be in possession of the Mind of Christ, the *only* Mind. The claim to any other mind is idolatry and is unreal.

Now, dear heart, this is a long letter. I hope I have not wearied you. No, I have not, for it is truth and truth is ever refreshing, it never wearies.

Come down soon again and get another little lift on the journey from sense to Soul.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

Your question recalls David's, "What is man . . .?" Ps. 8:4

We find the answer in the first chapter of Genesis. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . *So* God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him. . . ." Gen. 1 26:27

As man is God's image we can recognize man only as we cognize God; for one can recognize a *likeness* only as one knows that to which a person, place or thing is likened.

The Bible declares: "the Almighty God"; "I AM THAT I AM" (that is, self-existent Being); "I am the Lord your God"; "I am God, and there is none else"; "Do not I fill heaven and earth?"; "He is the Rock" (that is, foundation Being); "the Sun of righteousness"; "our life"; "God is love"; "it is God which worketh in you"; "the Father that dwelleth in me"; "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"; "God is a Spirit"; " . . . it is the same God which worketh all in all."

Mrs. Eddy sums up this testimony in her answer to
S. & H. 465 the question—"What is God?"

"*Answer.*—God is incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love."

Now we acknowledge God to be the only creator: "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made *that was made.*" "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, *behold*, it was very good."

The word *behold* is important. We must behold God's creation. "Lift up your eyes" and *see.* In
Ps. 111 2-4, 8 Psalms we read: "The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: . . . He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered. . . . They stand fast for ever and ever."

Now, as God is Life, then man, image, must be life; as God is Love, then man, image, must be love. As God is Mind, then man, image, must be intelligent and must be mental, must be idea, *like* Mind. As God is Principle,

then man must be the expression or demonstration of Principle—Causation. Man cannot cease to be, for he is image, and God, his Principle, is Truth and cannot change; therefore man *cannot* die, he is the expression or effect of unchanging Truth, immortal, eternal, Life.

God being Principle and Cause, He is the substance of all His own creation. His creation, therefore, is, like Him, unchanging, immortal, eternal. Jesus implied that to understand this is to possess eternal life.

This is the truth of being, the real status of man and the universe.

"But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." Gen. 2:6

This "mist" or ignorance of Truth, Life and Love, and of its image, the real man, hides the real man and the real universe.

This "mist" is mortal mind. Jesus called it a liar and the father of lies for there is no truth in it. Mrs. Eddy calls this claim to something, error, and shows it to be unreal, a *false* claim.

It is only this mist world or *belief*, as we have learned to call it, which goes, or seems to go, through all the mutations of time and sense and finally ends in seeming death.

In the case of Jesus, the truth destroyed the mist, or false claim to man, the Adam belief, so that death, or belief, mist, lie, deception could not long obscure the real man which has always existed, God's image; thus the Christ triumphed over death and the grave—the mist was dissolved.

Mrs. Eddy says: "The ideal man was revealed in due time, and was known as Christ Jesus." S. & H. 338 Jesus says of himself: "I am the way." He taught the way by demonstration out of or through the mist of error to John 14:6

eternal, conscious understanding of Life. In other words, he made his at-one-ment with God, Life, the Father.

Matt. 16:24 This is what we all must do. Jesus said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." The cross is the belief that there is life, truth, intelligence or substance in matter. We must demonstrate the power of Truth to destroy this belief and bring out the substance of incorruptible thought.

Mrs. Eddy's great work for humanity is the Discovery of the Science which Jesus understood and by which he destroyed the works of the devil—evil, error, or the *belief* in a creation apart from perfection.

Remember that God, Mind, Life is the only creator; His creation reflects His own perfection; that He is Truth and therefore unchanging. Your beloved brother, God's perfect idea, has never been anything other than the expression of perfect Mind. Mortal, material sense seems to hide this perfect reflection. We have never seen, with the unregenerate eye—thought—the man of God's creating. We have seen but a false concept of ourselves and each other. As our thought is purified and spiritualized, by the operation of Truth, the false beliefs are driven out of our consciousness and we fulfil the word of Jesus: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Matt. 5:48

From the textbook of Truth, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, we have learned that God—Love—is our Principle; that of this Love all things real consist; that this Love *is* Life, is Truth, is Mind; that the substance of all true phenomena is Truth, is God; that in very truth, we

live, move and have our being in God, Spirit—the only substance. As God is Truth and Truth by its very nature is immutable, unchanging, then all things whose substance is Truth are unchanging.

We are all called to bear witness to this eternal fact. Herein lies our whole vocation, our entire occupation. In proportion to our faithfulness in fulfilling this calling do we come into the full understanding of God's All-ness and ourselves as inseparable from that All.

Our great Leader says: "Universal Love is the divine way in Christian Science." To me this means that we must be enough out of self to deny and destroy error wherever we see it. Thus we shall so dispel the mists and illusions of mortal mentality that we shall see God's universe and God's immortal man, Life's own image; then we shall no longer be deceived with the counterfeit deception—mortals in the image of death—conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity. S. & H. 266

In the case of Jesus, the Christ destroyed the veil of sin or carnal mind, and revealed the temple of the Holy Spirit, even the perfect idea of perfect Mind. He did what Paul exhorts us to do—he *presented* his *body* (substance-thought) "a *living* sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. . . ." Jesus found this to be a reasonable service for it demanded "absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire" to that one Mind whose fundamental essential quality is intelligence. Since Mrs. Eddy's discovery of the Science of Christ, we have the Key to all Scripture. This Key has opened wide the Bible, so that all may read and understand the words and works of the prophets, of Jesus and of the Apostles. In the light of divine intelligence, we see that the Christ, or true creation, the man in God's image, has, from time to time, throughout the history Rom. 12:1 S. & H. 3

of the Adam, or false, creation, shone through, as it
S. & H. were, this false dream-creation. "Abraham, Jacob,
333 Moses, and the prophets caught glorious glimpses of the Messiah, or Christ, which baptized these seers in the divine nature, the essence of Love."

Not until Jesus' perfect demonstration, however, was *man revealed;* and not until Mrs. Eddy's Discovery, was the Science of this demonstration stated and classified with clear analysis of Principle and rule.

We must follow Jesus in the way he has marked for all mankind. We must let that Mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus, so that we may bring out our true selves and triumph over all sin, disease and death. If there were no sin, no mortal mentality to appear as fleshly corporeality, there could be no disease nor death.
My. We "must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation" if
357 we want to build higher than a temporary, illusionary belief. This foundation is the understanding that man
John was never born "of the will of the flesh, nor of the will
1:13 of man, but of God"—Spirit, Life, Truth, Love.

Dear friend and fellow student in Christ, let us buckle on more securely the armor of God and go forth in the strength of omnipotent Love to conquer the lie that argues a material creation, man made of dust, and a chaotic order of things where chance and ignorance hold undisputed sway.

God—divine Love—never created, and never permitted to exist any such medley and confusion. Let us
S. & H. "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike
393 good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man."

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BELOVED CHILD:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee;" "man is immortal and lives by divine authority." "If it is true that man lives, this fact can never change in Science to the opposite belief that man dies." Isa. 60:1 S. & H. 76 S. & H. 427

Your beloved brother lives; we *must* witness to this eternal, this forever *fact*, and never quail nor flinch, in face of the overwhelming testimony of false material sense. God—infinite Love—will comfort you all, blessed child. Your sister will rise above this thick cloud of sorrow, into a stronger, surer, clearer perception of the Christ qualities. In the proportion that she is transformed by the renewal of Mind, Spirit, she will find herself a living member of Christ—the Image, Idea, Body, Temple of Truth. As we are "members one of another," she will understand and see her dear one as also a living member of her universe, as she is of his; for there is but one Body, or whole manifestation of Soul, though there be many members. Rom. 12:5

Dear heart, love which is the reflection of Love is welling in my heart, and pouring out to you in unmeasured flow. If there is anything I can do—come to you—write to you—let me know. My prayers are ever with you. Your brother was never more nor less than Life's conscious, individual expression. This he will always be. We must rise to more spiritual perception of this unchanging fact, and be faithful exponents of the Science of true being.

You, dear child, are going through the dark valley, but only in belief. Lift up your eyes, you will see that *understanding* makes this valley to bud and blossom with Life, bodied forth, in individual presence.

There is no death! Let us ring this out so clearly,

with such trumpet tone, that the veil of sorrow and grieving may be lifted. Let the sunlight of love dispel the mists and reveal God's man as never born and never dying. Read page 250 of *Science and Health.*

Darling, rest in the thought that the tender Father-Mother will comfort and heal each one, as he or she turns to this infinite Love. Do not bear the burden. Lean "on the sustaining infinite." Your dear brother has awakened to know that he never died, and will come into the understanding that God is his Life. In this understanding there is no separation, no loneliness, no doubt, no fear, but a calm, assured confidence in the Allness of Life, Truth, Love.

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I want you to get this tonight, so shall run out with it now.

Faithfully and lovingly,
Your friend, and sister in Christ,
SIBYL HUSE.

BELOVED:

This is the only paper at hand this late hour, and I felt I wanted to say a few words to you "while it was yet day."

You have learned from our blessed textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, that "man is the offspring of God, not of man; that man is spiritual, not material." The great Master-metaphysician said "call no man your father upon the earth: for *one* is your Father, which is in heaven." This One is Mind, is Love, is Truth. You are the child of Mind, and therefore are mental. We are called upon by this Mind to acknowledge *Him* in all our ways; to be the very image and likeness of pure Mind, of absolute Truth. "Behold, what manner of

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Matt. 23:9

I John 3:1

love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God," of good!

This Father, Mind, is working mightily in you, that you may do of His good pleasure, and so is revealing you as His offspring, just in proportion as you reflect Him. "Immortal and divine Mind presents the idea of God: *first*, in light; *second*, in reflection; *third*, in spiritual and immortal forms of beauty and goodness." S. & H. 503 You have the *light;* you *know* the Truth which has made you free. You are reflecting this light—*thinking* with that Mind which is Love; radiating its beneficent influence; sending out into consciousness its universal love. More and more as you are moved by the impelling power of good, you will behold the effect, the *form* of a God-thought; the reflected love will be manifested more and more clearly, until you catch the wondrous hues of Mind's creation. You will discern the fair outlines of pure, spiritual thought; you will perceive the symmetrical forms of Love's presence; the beauty of holiness will supersede the harsh and angular concepts of mortal sense, and you will *behold* the "immortal forms of beauty and goodness." As your thought becomes more spiritualized, you will be able to see more clearly the good, the spiritual qualities, that your dear father reflects, from the source of all good. He is a kind, loving parent and will be ever an unobstructed avenue for God's affluent love to you. Learn to see him more as spiritual, as imaging forth divine Life and Truth. Look through the mist of the matter veil, and you will catch glorious glimpses of the Christ-man; his presence is indicated by "some word or deed which indicates the true idea,—the supremacy and reality of good, the nothingness and unreality of evil." S. & H. 205 Call forth this *real* man of God's creating, for

he is immortal and some day will appear in the very place where the finite sense sees only the matter belief.

So, darling, I know that you are born of the Spirit and are spiritual; so are all, for there is but one Father, but one Mother, and we are one in Christ, members one of another.

I have said so little of what I long to say, but you will read more than appears in the letter, for you will catch the spirit, and feel the reflection of divine Love, the Mother of us all.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

This is the first moment that I could sit down to write you when I felt it would be more that a few hurried words.

S. & H. 468 These have been wonderful days; so full of a growing sense of the truth of the scientific statement of being as given in Science and Health.

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father. . . ." Surely the little visit was a "*good* gift" and I know it came down, and is still coming "down from the Father."

S. & H. 508 "The only intelligence or substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it." Many thoughts we had in your dear home were substantial and will not only flower but bear fruit, some thirty fold and some indeed an hundred fold. This fruit of the

Po. 14 Spirit, love, joy, peace will "Feed the hungry, heal the heart, Till the morning's beam . . ." till understand-

James 1:17 ing shows us the "Father of *lights*, with whom is no

variableness, neither shadow of turning." Has it ever occurred to you that we, as God's children, are the "lights" to which St. Paul refers? Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world"; and he also declared that this light, this true consciousness, "cannot be hid." Man, Mrs. Eddy says, "reflects the beatific presence, illuming the universe with light." We must know this, and be conscious of the fact that as God's own children, emanations of Mind, reflectors of Light, manifestations of pure intelligence, we can solve all problems, by refusing to give error, evil, any place or power. As Mrs. Eddy says: "Your true course is to destroy the foe, and leave the field to God, Life, Truth, and Love, remembering that God and His ideas alone are real and harmonious."

Matt. 5:14

S. & H. 266

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The foe referred to is mortal mind which operates as envy, jealousy, self-love, sensitiveness, ignorance, self-justification, human will, lust of power, pride and all the myriad qualities of the carnal thought. Divine Love and spiritual mentality alone can destroy this "foe." We love divinely when we think intelligently, or in accordance with the dictates of divine Mind, or Love. Therefore study much your Science and Health and your Bible, in order that you may acquaint yourself with the Principle of Life. This reading will correct habitual wrong thinking; you will imbibe almost unconsciously the spirit or intelligence of the divine Mind which inspired these sacred writings. Your thought will be fed by the bread of Life, and you will find new fiber and strength given to your mentality. You will "grasp with firmer hand" the eternal verities and lay hold of the substance realities of good. This *good* has its own identity in form, outline and color, and remember always that God is the *substance* of it.

C. S. Hymnal 166

In the possession of such substance we need fear no mutations of time and sense, for we can never lose anything which is in God, Mind, and which we possess only by reflection. To enjoy all things good and real, we need only to maintain perfect rapport or reflection with creative Mind, the Father-Mother-God. So, dear heart, "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good." You can do this for the power to do it is your divine inheritance, your real nature.

S. & H. 393

You are now awakening from the dream of material living. Nothing can hold you back from realizing more each day of your God-given ability to enjoy what Love so abundantly gives you.

You will find the Quarterly lessons an inspiration. Follow out their instructions; *apply* what you learn; begin to reckon yourself spiritual instead of material. Be natural, normal, and make all error unreal by destroying your belief in its power or presence. Do not *ignore* it when you see it, either when personified in yourself or in another; but rebuke it and give it no hold on you.

You cannot be annoyed, irritated, nor influenced by any of the forms of evil when you know it is unreal, without origin or true existence.

Now Love is with you. Come down and hear the truth when you need to.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BASKET EIGHT

Letters 1914

January 27, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Of late I have been pretty busy and have not had as much time to read as is really necessary to keep thought refreshed and nourished. But I shall do better this week. Tonight we go to hear the Messiah. It promises to be a fine production. This is the fifth presentation given this year, very unusual. Reality, spirituality, the true image, identity which is the reflection of Spirit, is dispelling the claim of unreality, materiality, and a false sense of identity. Each one of us can hasten the *day* by more earnestly praying the Daily Prayer; by refusing to identify anything by a material accompaniment; by faithfully bundling the tares for the burning, and refusing to allow any more tares to be sown in our consciousness; by standing on our watch, so as to detect quickly the enemy of good; by handling vigorously the mesmerism, hypnotism, animal magnetism of mortal mentality; by, in fact, being faithful followers of the Christ as demonstrated by Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy. The hour is late; both from the point of individual growth and universal development. Certainly we are living in Revelation, which is identical with the first chapter of Genesis. I have been carefully reading and comparing early and late editions of Science and Health, in the chapters on Cre-

ation and Genesis. This has been illuminating to my thought. Indeed all the Leader's writings are unfolding their infinite meaning, and I can grasp more of their divine import.

As we respond to the action of Mind; as we comprehend, step by step, the Word of God, as interpreted and repeated by our Leader, surely, as the mental impressions become clearer, stronger, more definite, we shall understand, *hear* and *see* that individual identity which is the reflection of Spirit. Then shall we know even as also we are known. False mental concepts shall have given place to true concepts or spiritual ideas, and we shall see face to face. In the Day of pure intelligence there is no night. Oh, what a glorious consummation of our hope and faith!

Always, dear one,

Lovingly and faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

February 12, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Just a little special word to you, dear heart. How much the *word* means to us, does it not? It is the expression of thought, the manifestation of Mind, and without the Word—the expression of Mind—was not any thing made that was made. Mind is Truth, Life, Love, and its expression is all that "was made." Without this was not anything made. What a wonderful creation or revelation, unfolding, it is. We *are* catching glorious glimpses of this real, permanent universe, idea, and are gaining a spiritual sense of *substance*. I remember a talk your mother and I had about substance. She had not been able to apprehend the meaning of the word as used by Mrs. Eddy but after

John 1:3

we had talked about it, she grasped much of the distinction, made in Christian Science, between matter and substance. I am so *glad*, so rejoiced that she had a start in the *letter* of Truth. In the *spirit* she was so far on the way, and now I am sure both the letter and the Spirit are bearing witness in her thought. Paul says, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." I Cor. 14:15

Let me know, darling, when you come to town. I thought probably you would come down Monday morning and go to your office. Remember, that Love maketh all things new. Understanding will enable you to distinguish between the "old man," the belief, and the ever "new man," idea, God's image. Col. 3:9–10

You are strong in the might of the one controlling purpose to *let* divine Truth, Life, and Love rule out of you all sin so that the word, the true concept, may enrich the affections of all.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 2, 1914.

DEAR ——:

There has been so much that has claimed my attention, so many patients have needed all I could give them of spiritual reflection, that I have had to "let you go," as it were, for a little time. Now, however, I can give you more thought.

I am sure you are faithfully reading and studying and applying, what you understand to the daily problems.

Do not be discouraged if you do not grasp it all at once, and if your demonstrations seem slow. The Truth will gradually unfold to you its glories, and reveal

its imperishable treasures of health, strength and radiant, divine energy.

Gen. 1:27 S. & H. 591 508 477

In Genesis we read: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him"; *Science and Health* says: "MAN . . . the full representation of Mind." "Mind is the Soul of all." "Man is the expression of Soul." Whatever does not answer to this description is *not man*. There is but *one* man, or Christ, the infinite manifestation of infinite Mind. This Mind is Life, so man is immortal. He is *not* subject to birth, maturity nor decay. Never born and never dying, man is the image, the likeness of God. As Jesus said, all *live* unto *God*. All is in *Mind*. All is good. Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is within you." He so thoroughly understood this that he reflected, or imaged forth the creations of Mind, for Mind is God; that is, *thought* is creative. Mrs. Eddy says: "The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind." Realizing this enabled Jesus to heal the sick, reform the sinner, and raise the dead, for he "beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him where sinning mortal man appears to mortals." As we turn away from a false sense and let Truth and Love fill our thought, a better concept of man will form and we shall look out on a different world, because we shall look out from a different thought. We see *our* concept, our own thought objectified. Jesus said: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," good. To the pure all things are pure. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, *behold*, it was very [supreme, perfect] good." Let us acknowledge no other creator, no other Mind, then we shall *see* the world as God creates it, we shall *behold* it as very good.

Luke 17:21 S. & H. 469 S. & H. 476 Matt. 5:8 Gen. 1:31

The lesson this week shows clearly that man is

something very different from the false concept held of him by erring sense. *Deny* this false sense—fear, doubt, envy, jealousy, ignorance, self-love, sensuality and lust, in a word carnal mind, and its false concept, sick, sinning and dying mortal. Do you not see that the first commandment contains the whole of Christ Science? To have no other God than Life would annihilate the belief in death. To have no other God than Love destroys hate and fear, jealousy, envy and all the myriad gods of mortal thought. To have no other God than Truth takes away all deception, all lying, fraud, graft, injustice. Jesus proved this for himself and wrought a full salvation. He is the way. We must follow him; *do as he did*. We have a record of his words and works, and with the Key to the Scriptures, given to us by our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, we understand both his words and his works. Christ founded the Christian era and at his second coming founded Christian Science. "Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practiced." S. & H. 174

Press on, dear one; all the faculties of man are in Mind, never in body. You cannot lose anything. Know that you reflect, exercise, all the qualities of omnipotence.

I am again treating you and I *know* that you *are* God's perfect child.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 1, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Five years ago, the divine impulse came to us to build higher and widen our phylacteries. It seemed at first that this meant to construct another material edifice;

but the imperative call came from our great Leader, you
My. 357 "must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other."

That same experience has again been mine, in the past weeks. For some time there has been a great pressure to enlarge my phylacteries, and I have thought that it meant personal teaching of a class made up of personalities, so to speak. But now, I know that this is a call to still higher work, to the realization that God has written His law in the hearts of His people and that it is for us to realize the consciousness in which it is not necessary for every man to teach his brother saying, know the Lord, for they shall all know me saith the Lord. Hereafter I am going to devote myself more earnestly than heretofore to acknowledging God as ever-present. Principle is infinite, and idea is never absent. This clearer realization will teach in a higher sense, and in a more effectual way. So I have decided to disorganize the class, which will not meet as planned.

We must all respond to the command to "begin on a wholly spiritual foundation." Christ is the foundation, and we are each and every one members of this one and only building.

Find yourself as idea, and you will experience the support of Mind, and enjoy the rich affluence of Truth. Take for your example Jesus and our Leader. As you study their individuality, as expressed in their thought, you will feel the operation of Principle quickening its own idea, your true individuality which was never condemned to toil for a living, but which is the perfect reflection of creative Mind, and manifests the boundless substance of Love and Life.

You must know that possession is reflection, not absorption. Material possession is a false sense.

Circulation is life, absorption is death. Man needs no barns in which to store his goods for all that he can desire or have is in Mind and must be reflected so all may enjoy. This sense of possessing the mind of Christ will cause your "presses" to "burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:10

Much love to you all, in the dear home that is being revealed.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 1, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Is it not blessed to know that there is one Father-Mother, even divine Love? That this Love is Mind is becoming more and more real to me. To acknowledge this one Mind; to express it; to voice it uninterruptedly; to articulate its love, its truth, its life; to continuously manifest its omnipotence; to be its presence; this is all of man, the whole of man.

You know that there is no night in the consciousness of Man. You are a *member* of a perfect body, called Christ; *you* have no body, for there is but one. *Let* Soul govern its own expression. Life is not dependent on organization. In fact, "Organization and time have nothing to do with Life." I *know* you as idea. I have seen you, that is, I have discerned idea, and know the nothingness of the claim of mortal mind. You cannot be deceived. Principle is working through idea, your real individual identity, and dissolving all mortal mentality. You are substance idea; you cannot be hidden by the mists of error. Matter is nothing; there is not an atom of matter in the whole universe to be a manifestation of false sense; there is no false sense. I am con- S. & H. 249

fident of this. I trust the declaration of it. I *know* that there is no disease. You know that you are *well;* that you never were anything but well, harmonious. You, as idea, are radiating every moment life and love. You are conscious of this, and rejoice in the fact. Nothing can reverse this *eternal* fact. This I know and rejoice in the grand verity.

Lovingly and faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 3, 1914.

DEAR ——:

I received your letter last night about ten o'clock. Tell A—— to lift up her eyes to the *meta*physical—beyond the physical to the immortal Principle and idea. Do not watch symptoms. If they obtrude themselves as beliefs upon your thought, meet every one of them with a quick denial of their actuality, or reality. They cannot obtain evidence. To admit that they are is to have something present other than God.

Know that you are ministering to or serving idea and *nothing* else. Matter is illusion, false belief, and *God* is *All.*

Love, love, love to you both.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 4, 1914.

DEAR ——:

In looking for a message to send you, I opened the Bible at the ninety-seventh psalm. At the fifth verse I paused for it spoke to me of the power of divine Love: "The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord."

No matter what the hill of difficulty may be, or *seem* to be, the presence of the Lord will melt it. And what is the presence of the Lord but idea! Your own individuality is appearing, driving out all false qualities of suppositional mortal mind. That ray of Life has its identity and is penetrating the mist of discordant beliefs. It is revealing the eternal qualities of immortal existence. Hold on during the seeming resistance to this transformation. Divine Love is irresistible, and is already victor, for there is no enemy, no opponent to all inclusive Mind and its infinite manifestation.

Know, dear one, there are *no corporeal senses to testify to a corporeality*. You are *now* image, likeness of immutable Truth.

My forever love is yours and always with you.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
April 7, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Your letter should long ago have been answered but I had thought that I would possibly be at the Pines and could run over to see you. It has not, however, been possible for me to get away. However I expect to go up with Miss C—— this week and will surely see you Sunday. There is much that I want to talk over with you and I know we will have a helpful time.

The current lesson is a most instructive one and I hope you will give it careful attention. You are beginning to discern, I am sure, that Christian Science is the elucidation of the Truth as Jesus taught it, demonstrated it, lived it. You can also see that Jesus inaugurated the warfare against the flesh. He used

his God qualities or spiritual individuality to destroy all ills arising from a belief in matter as sentient substance. He was continually emphasizing the real and denying the unreal by calling on God as his Father and immediately, summarily refusing to accept material sense testimony. He went counter to every supposed material law because he *understood* that there was no such law. Watch his acts as confirmation of his words; listen to his words as explanations of his acts. He claimed no power that was not the heritage of man. He did not claim to be more than man and was not for an instant willing to be known as *less* than man. His standard of man was that he is the son of God, the image, likeness of Love, of Life, of Truth. Christ Jesus finally revealed himself as ideal man.

We must follow him. We have his example and in Science and Health we have the elucidation of his words and works.

S. & H. 503 Now remember always that God is the *only* creator and His "creation consists of the unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected." This creation is perfect, sinless, harmonious, and is known through a true sense of things. Let us then turn absolutely to Love as the one presence, the only power, then fear with all its torments is unknown.

E—— is under the law of good; nothing is real *but* good. You are immortal and live by divine authority; therefore life *must* be harmonious. Actively deny *every* discordant argument and count yourself one with God.

Love to you all three.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 14, 1914.

DEAR ——:

The primroses are still prim. Thank you, dear, for your love. The plant in its grey jar is most artistic and is a pleasant sight, and I love to look at it and know that it is a thought which you have sent me—pure and beautiful and immortal. The seeming material accompaniments are nothing and cannot hide the forever fact. The reflection of Truth has in it no element of discord or decay, and it is to this reflection that I turn my thought and in this light I see light.

All that is material involves error and is therefore unreal and temporal, but we are discerning and reflecting the substance of Mind and this will ultimately dissolve the false sense and reveal the real object of Mind's creating.

I have good news for you. Mrs. Stetson is inviting her friends to her home, this Thursday evening, the sixteenth. You will surely be there, I know.

My dear love to you, beloved.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 17, 1914.

DEAR ——:

By this same mail, I am sending you some pamphlets. Will you kindly pass them on to Mrs. C——? I do not know her address, or would send direct to her. I think you have copies of these pamphlets, have you not? If not, I will send you some. They are helpful.

I think it would be an excellent thing for you to have Mr. and Mrs. C—— come to your house, and read the lessons together, Sunday afternoons, until you are all

strong enough to do individual work. I am sure the time for material organization has gone by, and that we are entering upon a new era in which each home must be the church consciousness, or structure of Truth, founded on Love, and pinnacled in Life. In Revelation, *after* the messages to the Seven churches, (seven being the *complete* number and so signifying the end of organization), then come these words, addressed to the *individual*, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." I feel that we are in this hour, and that the appeal is to the individual, and that the time is here when the temple of God spoken of by Peter is being revealed. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Rev. 3:20

I Peter 2:5

I Cor. 3:16

Also Paul says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Jesus used the word temple in the same sense as body. In this connection, read the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians. Then turn to the definition, in the Glossary of *Science and Health*, and read the definition of Church, and also of Temple; also definition of Christ. Then turn to page 475, and read the answer to the question "What is man?"

From all this, we see that the real Church is a spiritual consciousness and this is our native atmosphere and natural status of being. I have not the time today to go into this subject as I should like, and will write you more fully later.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 23, 1914.

DEAR ——:

The view from my window, as I lift my eyes now from this paper, is most beautiful. Every tree is becoming tremulous with grace and beauty. The sun is brilliant; there is a gentle breeze and everything breathes a joyous promise of coming realization.

It seems so impossible that war is anywhere. And indeed we know that as there is but one Mind, there can be no war, no conflict. "Love and Truth are not at war with God's image and likeness." "Christian Science reveals Truth and Love as the motive-powers of man." Therefore man is not in warfare; there is no motive-power to move him to it. S. & H. 19 490

The ideal man, Christ, is pressing hard on the shadowy beliefs, and the mists of so-called mortal mind are twisting and contorting themselves in the process of self destruction. Let Christ's kingdom come and "rule out of me [us] all sin." Then we shall have no affinity for the destructible qualities at war among themselves. Let us drive up every false claim to "utter the full diapason of secret tones." Then this seeming conflict shall end, and peace, which our Leader declares is published, appear. Man. 41 S. & H. 559

Keep firm hold on eternal Life and do not fear what flesh can do unto you.

Lovingly,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 30, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Your letter of April twenty-eighth reached me yesterday, and I shall try to answer your questions clearly and succinctly. I am also sending you a copy

of a book, by the New York City Christian Science Institute, of which Mrs. Stetson is the Principal. Will you read this, and then place it in the public library of G—— B——? I have already mailed you two pamphlets, which you may keep.

Your quotation from Hebrews is apt and to the point. Paul had a clear sense of the importance of the early Christians meeting often together that they might encourage each other, and learn more of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus. This was their only means of hearing the new interpretation of the Scriptures. Paul was addressing Hebrews, who were accustomed to meet at the synagogues to hear the Scriptures read and expounded.

He now exhorts them to be faithful in disseminating the truth among their brethren, by word of mouth. There was, at that time, no Christian literature, unless it were an occasional letter, such as this Epistle to the Hebrews, addressed to the little assembly of worshipers, by one more advanced in understanding than they.

In the first edition of *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy says:

> The mistake the disciples of Jesus made to found religious organizations and church rites, if indeed they did this, was one the Master did not make; . . . Christ's church was Truth, . . . the temple for the worshipers of Truth is Spirit and not matter, even the Principle of man and the universe that calls on those professing godliness, to understand God, and to be absent from the body to be present with Him, and to claim their right of membership by destroying sickness, sin, and death.
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> No time was lost by our Master in organizations, rites and ceremonies, or in proselyting for certain forms of belief: members of his church must answer to themselves, in the secret sanctuary of Soul, questions of the

most solemn import. First, am I surely gaining a victory over matter, am present with Spirit, present with Love and Truth, supping with them and they with me, gaining this oneness with God, of which Jesus spake, thus rising superior to personal sense and conquering sickness, sin, and death.

Again she says: "We have no need of creeds and church organizations to sustain or explain a demonstrable platform, that defines itself in healing the sick, and casting out error."

On page 330 of the current edition of *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy says: "Until the author of this book learned the vastness of Christian Science, the fixedness of mortal illusions, and the human hatred of Truth, she cherished sanguine hopes that Christian Science would meet with immediate and universal acceptance."

Our textbook was published in 1875. In 1876, Mrs. Eddy organized the Christian Scientist Association. She obtained a charter for her church in 1879, and in 1881 was ordained its pastor.

In *Retrospection and Introspection* she says:

Examining the situation prayerfully and carefully, noting the church's need, and the predisposing and exciting cause of its condition, I saw that the crisis had come when much time and attention must be given to defend this church from the envy and molestation of other churches, and from the danger to its members which must always lie in Christian warfare. At this juncture I recommended that the church be dissolved. Ret. 44

Despite the prosperity of my church, it was learned that material organization has its value and peril, and that organization is requisite only in the earliest periods Ret 45

in Christian history. After this material form of cohesion and fellowship has accomplished its end, continued organization retards spiritual growth, and should be laid off,—even as the corporeal organization deemed requisite in the first stages of mortal existence is finally laid off, in order to gain spiritual freedom and supremacy.

In the history of The Mother Church written by Mr. Armstrong, at that time a Director, is the following paragraph:

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"The sum of about thirty thousand dollars was soon raised, enough to warrant those trustees in beginning the work; but they were unwilling to build, unless the Church, which had been disorganized at Mrs. Eddy's request, was re-organized, under the laws of Massachusetts; as, without such incorporation, they claimed the title would be worthless."

It would seem as though through the history of the organization, Mrs. Eddy was constrained by the exigencies of human conditions to "Suffer it to be so now," in order to fulfil all righteousness and lead humanity gently and safely out of its highly organized sense into the "liberty of the sons of God."

Matt. 3:15

S. & H. 315

She put a notice in the Sentinel when announcing a revision of the Manual. (You will find the article in *Miscellany* on page 229, entitled Mental Digestion.) I quote from this: "Heaps upon heaps of praise confront me, and for what? That which I said in my heart would never be needed,—namely, laws of limitation for a Christian Scientist."

On page 382 of *Miscellaneous Writings*, I find: "In 1895 I ordained that the Bible, and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, the Christian Science textbook, be the pastor, on this planet, of all the churches of the Christian Science denomination. . . . When-

ever and wherever a church of Christian Science is established, its pastor is the Bible and my book."

Also on page 140 of *Miscellany:* "Relinquishing a material form of communion advances it spiritually. The material form is a 'Suffer it to be so now,' and is abandoned so soon as God's Way-shower, Christ, points the advanced step."

Finally Mrs. Eddy wrote: "When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation." My. 357

There are innumerable citations from the New Testament to show that Jesus taught that all material organization was temporal. I give one only: "the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." He had already said: "the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father." John 4:23 John 4:21

Jesus taught in the synagogues and in the temple. Yes. It was the means by which he could reach the people; but we cannot for a moment believe that he went there to offer the sacrifices of the Livitical order, or to accept the law as interpreted by the scribes and Pharisees.

I think that at the present hour attendance at public service is well. It encourages regularity, self-discipline, and respect. I even think that the actual putting on of good clothes, going out from one's own environment, and coming in contact with other people is a good

thing. I continue to attend public worship, and believe that it is right that I should, at the present time.

Mrs. Eddy is the Discoverer of the Science of Mind, of Life, Truth and Love. She wrote a book in order to give this Science to mankind. She organized a very effective agency for disseminating or circulating this book, and protecting it.

Now, dear Mr. D——, not for a moment do I wish to dictate your course to you. I do feel however that we have come to a period of great danger in the development of the Christian Science given us by our great Leader, Mrs. Eddy. There is a growing tendency to materialization of interpretation, and a deifying of organization. Ultimately we must realize that each one of us is a lively stone in the temple of Truth and Love; that *man* is the structure, or manifestation.

As to your question about Mrs. Stetson: I feel that she is the only one of Mrs. Eddy's students who grasped the meaning of the definition of Church, as given in the Glossary of Science and Health. You will notice that the definition is given in two paragraphs. This indicates the Church Triumphant, and the church militant. Mrs. Stetson completed the church militant, and is now revealing the Church Triumphant, by overcoming in herself, and helping others to do the same, all that is unlike Christ—bringing every thought into obedience to Love and Truth, thus proving immortality.

In order to do this, Mrs. Stetson had to stand alone, unsupported by *any* material organization. I do not see how she could have found herself *alone* except by being thrust out of the synagogue, as Jesus declared the exponent of Truth would be.

There is every indication to those who can spiritually read the signs of the times, that Mrs. Eddy saw that

Mrs. Stetson was spiritually equipped and mentally endowed for the crucial test which should prove her worthy of this supreme hour.

Read both Mrs. Stetson's books,[1] and see if a new light does not come to you, of what it all means. Surely, the belief of life in matter *must* end, and the "new heavens and . . . new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness," *must* appear. II Peter 3:13

This coming out from material organization will be necessarily a gradual and an individual process. But it does not seem to me that, at this late hour, it is necessary for those who are accepting the Science of being to take upon themselves the shackles of organization. Let the Pastor preach to you in your own home, but if from time to time you feel that it would be interesting and helpful to attend a church service somewhere, do so but without identifying yourself organically with the material body or church.

What an unconscionably long letter I have written you. Pardon me. If it is disconnected, lay it to the many interruptions to which it has been subjected.

Sincerely yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

On reading this over, I find I have left you to make your own deductions from the various quotations of Mrs. Eddy's books. My line of argument is: Mrs. Eddy under the great inspiration of her spiritual discovery was so uplifted in Spirit that she did not at first allow any necessity for a complex organization. Organization however became necessary in order to get the truth into consciousness. In other words she is the

[1] *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, and *Vital Issues in Christian Science*, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

woman who took leaven and hid it in three measures of meal until the whole should be leavened. Consciousness is now sufficiently leavened to enable individuals to come out from the world, material sense, and to leave all for Christ, the spiritual sense of things.

I am particularly impressed with the citation from *Retrospection and Introspection*. From this we see that Mrs. Eddy because of the envy and hatred of the "other churches" dissolved her organization. That is, she knew her church was *not* material, she found it in Mind;

Col. 3:3 it was "hid with Christ in God" so that when the enemy,.or carnal mind, shot at it, it was not found in matter and therefore was unscathed.

So must we do. We must *not* be found in matter.

My. 357 We must know that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——·

A busy day has prevented me from having a letter to greet you, on your arrival, as I so much desired.

The dear Love has sustained you, and will fill the

S. & H. 504 seeming void. Our textbook says " . . . there is no place where God's light is not seen, since Truth, Life, and Love fill immensity and are ever-present."

How quickly our eyes turn to this light, when the shadows of the finite presence no longer obscure it! Oh! dear friend, I know what added realization of true substance is coming to you, as you are forced to let go of the false. Nothing that ever had life has died. A—— is living and working out her salvation from the fears that beset any ignorance of God,—Life. The grand, noble character which you knew and loved now rises clearer and higher on your mental vision, because she

is divested somewhat of the limitations of the concept formed to your view by a finite and erring sense of God and His image. Let us remember that Life and its life never begins, never ends. The image and likeness of *Life* never ceases to *image* Life.

She is, like us, daily, hourly rising to a spiritual sense of Principle and idea; or in better words: the individual identity which our finite sense perceived as a finite person, subject to birth, growth, maturity, decay is steadily dispelling that finite sense, and will finally triumph over all states and stages of mortal thought.

In the same way our true identity, as reflection of Soul, is overcoming false sense; we shall see face to face, when we *know* even as also we are known, apprehended of divine Mind.

I urge upon you a more selfless study of our great textbook, Science and Health. It is the Key to all Scripture. Its author, Mary Baker Eddy, reflected, when she wrote, that mind "which was also in Christ Jesus." This Mind enabled Jesus to do all the mighty works which he declared we should outdo, because, he, the Master Metaphysician, was to rise higher in the understanding of the Science of being, even to the demonstration of that full dominion bestowed on the man of God's creating. To "follow the gleam," to walk in the light of this glorious achievement of reality, is our irresistible prerogative and results in our ultimate and primitive source, even good—Life, Truth, Love. In this way only do we recognize and consciously possess our real individuality, endowed with infinite capacity to enjoy infinite blessedness. Let us press on in the attainment of understanding. We must put off the old man, the old sense, and put on the new—spiritual sense—which will bring with it the new heaven

Phil. 2:5

and the new earth. *New* only as it is the actual image of Mind, the I AM, or God. Dear, God is leading you to absolute dependence on divine Love. Lean heavily on this "sustaining infinite." You will find much in the Lesson to strengthen your realization of Life.

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Much love to each and every one of the dear family.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

May 26, 1914.

DEAR MR. ——:

It has been a noble fight, and we know that A—— is continuing it, and is winning the consciousness of immortal existence, as an idea of Life.

But the ultimate victory is being pursued beyond our sight. You must rise, we all must, to know that the human concept was never anything but a false, finite belief. A—— is idea. We have lost our material concept. Today, this evening, A—— passed to the further, fuller demonstration than she could make with us. She did the best she could, and wanted to do all. Our love is with her, lighting her on her pathway from sense to Soul, just as it always has been and her love is with us, a reflection of that Love, which is the Mother of us all.

Life is God. This we know. Jesus demonstrated it; our Leader declared it, and is demonstrating it. The declaration is gone out into universal and individual consciousness and is demanding demonstration. This demand is divine, and the ability to meet it is from God. We see from this that the demand is imperative and will be met—"every knee should bow" and "every tongue should confess" the Christ to be the Son,—Man to be

Phil. 2:10, 11

immortal. God's image must be beheld, and His likeness known, as the only man.

Mrs. A—— is clear and strong. E—— is steady and loving and strong.

It did not seem necessary to wire you tonight, as it would not be best for you to come on.

I shall come to town Thursday.

Now, dear Mr.——, "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Do not take the mortal sense into your consciousness but know that man "is not subject to birth, growth, maturity, decay." Eph. 6:10 S. & H. 305

The house here is pervaded by a sense of Life and Truth and Love. Let us press forward to better demonstration of the faith that is in us; and live more consciously, hourly and daily, in the understanding that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" My. 357

Mrs. A—— and E—— send unmeasured love. God is with you, for you are His representative, His thought, His presence.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

May 28, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Last night I went, as soon as I had my dinner, to see Mr. A——. He had not received my letter, for which I was glad. He is steady and clear in his thought, though he is meeting a heavy claim. The claim, however, is yielding, and I found him freer, this morning. He has kind friends all about him, who are ministering to his needs. I shall run in again this afternoon, and you may be sure that he is well taken care of, during this seeming chemicalization. The

Christ man is coming forward, and the suppositional qualities of false belief must melt out, as Truth supplants error.

My thoughts have been with you unceasingly, every moment, since leaving you, in the finite personal sense. I *know* that there is *no* separation. I *know* that I can be more effectual aid to you, by reflecting the impersonal Christ, and rising to more spiritual heights myself; thus causing you to lean more heavily, more wholly on divine Principle, and finding me, in the spiritual mental, and not in the human corporeal. A—— is a beautiful star to me, wholly apart from any material concept. She has always been to me very mental—strong, free, very impersonal. The frail material accompaniment has always been a contradiction of her to me and now more than ever her identity and individuality are independent of so-called matter, or error.

I am glad, thankful, grateful, that I went on just when I did. Since coming away, I have been meeting the pangs of regret that I did not stay over yesterday with you, but the leading was so strong to come that I felt I must obey the impelling. I know that you are able to meet all with God. I shall keep closer, closer, closer with Principle and reflect all I can to you, dear, knowing that "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need."

S. & H. 494

The dear child, has I know, worked free from much that hampered her. Over her the second death has no power. Fear, which seemed to hold her in such despotic control, was much destroyed, and love, pure love, had begun her work in her. This love will continue to destroy false sense, until she knows nothing but love. We must rise with her, and behold the form divinely fair, which is the body of pure thought, the expression

of God's being. We shall all "wake to know a world more bright." Then let us not slumber in sense, nor sleep in error, but rise into a clearer realization of the Allness of God. Po. 12

Dear one, I know you can feel God's loving, tender comfort. I know the way is going to open day by day, with more peace and pure joy of the Spirit.

Tenderly, lovingly, faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

June 5, 1914.

DEAR ——:

I have just come from A——. He told me he felt much better than he had at all, and he looked *fine*. Up and dressed, clean shaven, and with a bright, cheery smile. The very first moment that he can, or *knows* that he can, he will write you. Your letters are a great inspiration to him. This is but a big chemicalization bringing to the surface qualities of the false claim of a selfhood apart from God. He will be a better man when this is finished.

Dear heart, your letters breathe a higher, purer consecration to Truth and its truth. I am so grateful. I know that divine Love circulates through you, and frees you from every false sense. You radiate, you do not absorb. You give forth, you do not withhold. All action you know is in Mind and you but manifest its harmonious movement. There is no reversal of this perfect law. You are not bound nor fettered by human will nor by any belief in material sense. God governs His own body and you are conscious of your membership in that Christ.

The Island must be beautiful this brilliant day. I am so *glad* to have this picture of it all. I know the

"little home" too, will be sweet and be right under the
Po. 4 "shadow of His mighty wing."

Yes, B—— is more truly with us for we must know her in her true depict. This will unfold to us as we put off false sense and rise to conscious oneness with Principle, divine Love.

I send you so much love.

S. M. Huse.

June 22, 1914.

Dear ——:

I have rejoiced in your correspondence with the teacher, and am *glad* to know that you are so awake and doing good work. When are you coming on? Soon now, no doubt. You know A——'s apartment is always open to you for "stop over privileges."

All is moving on rapidly here. I feel a sense of momentum that is inspiring. Did you notice in last week's lesson the last sentence (which was omitted) of Habakkuk? Read in connection with our teacher's letter to the Leader, page 207 of *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence*, it is most interesting and significant.

Constant study of Genesis, in Science and Health, is always a help to me, and is a commentary on every lesson, and an incentive to more selfless work.

Our teacher is so strong and clear and brave, these days; untiring in her work, in the vineyard.

Saturday, we, the household, are going out to Sound Beach and will see all the dear ones out there.

It will be good to see you, dear.

Faithfully yours,

Sibyl Marvin Huse.

June 27, 1914.

DEAR ——:

Mrs. W——, in a letter received yesterday, said you were doing nicely. Not hearing from you, I supposed that all was well with you.

The unalterable fact remains that all *is* well with you.

You must stand firm against the false arguments of corporeal sense. Remember that "corporeal sense is the serpent." This serpent you must crush under the heel of your spiritual understanding of its utter nothingness. When we declare that God is All, we virtually deny the presence, or reality, of corporeality, or physical presence, and affirm that we are members of God's Christ, or presence. Mrs. Eddy says: "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*." This corresponds with the Scripture, "Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord," also Jesus' declaration, "I and my Father are one." "My Father is greater than I." Our one reason for being, or that which constitutes our identity, is being the *presence of God*. John, in speaking of the real sense of living, says: "and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." This is paralleled by *Science and Health*, in so many passages, such as: "Man is the expression of God's being." Again "God fashions all things, after His own likeness. Life is reflected in existence, Truth in truthfulness, God in goodness, which impart their own peace and permanence." You see "your life is hid with Christ in God" and is not in physical sense, not in matter. Matter is merely error, illusion, a wrong sense of substance. Your true flesh is the expression of spiritual thought, and is incorruptible, always harmonious, because it is the image and likeness of Truth. Jesus understood this

S. & H. 533

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Jer. 23:24

John 10:30

14:28

Rev. 4:8

S. & H. 470 516

Col. 3:3

when he spoke of his flesh as the life of the world. It was this flesh, this true reflection of Mind which he gave to his disciples. Paul speaks of the material, physical, corporeal sense of flesh as the carnal mind, and also called it the body of death. So we see that as our
S. & H. 177 Col. 3:9 Leader says, "Mortal mind and body are one." To have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, is to "put off the old man," the body of death, the image of the beast. Thus is revealed the *man* of good's creating,
S. & H. 316 whom "Spirit creates, constitutes, and governs." This thought of substance involves no error and is therefore not material, but wholly pure and consequently immortal. Jesus proved all this. After his baptism, when he more fully entered into the understanding that he was spiritual and was indeed the son of God, not of human parentage, he was driven out of the pleasures of physical beliefs, which to him became a wilderness, a consciousness of "wild beasts." These "beasts" or arguments of being material, physical, mortal or human, he fought steadily, persistently, victoriously. From that time, he had the dominion given *man* of God. Then he spoke as one having this authority and not as the scribes who were still in the belief of life in matter, not understanding that man reflects God's dominion over all things.

You are a mental being. Now go further and know that there is but one Mind, and that Mind *good*. Denounce the claim of an evil mind. Refuse to give place
S. & H. 393 to any suggestion of mortal mentality. "Rise in the strength of Spirit to resist all that is unlike good. God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man."

Let Truth work in your thought and chemicalize out all fear, superstition, ignorance, false theories and

education, all pride, egotism, self-love, all dependence on any material thing. Hold steadfastly to God as All, and yourself as idea, member of this All.

There is no provision made for any lesser loyalty to Principle. In proportion to our dependence upon this sustaining infinite, do we become *conscious* that "underneath *are* the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27

Know that *now* are you the son of God. Let it *appear* now. We have the assurance of John, that it *shall appear*, and of Paul, that *now* is the accepted time.

Now Love is delivering you from the bondage of fear. Wake up from the hypnotic Adam dream and myth! Declare your adherence to Truth. God *is* All. You cannot know anything but God, for there is nothing else to know.

Let me have a line from you.

You are free to walk in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free. Nothing can reverse this truth.

Hold yourself superior to sickness, *because God makes you so.*

Much love to you all.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

July 9, 1914.

DEAR ——:

This is a beautiful rainy day, and I hope I shall be able to have an uninterrupted hour in which to write you. I am sorry to have left your letter so long unanswered.

Now, dear friend, let us rise above the testimony of material sense and let us just accept the *true*, the positive statements of the great prophets of Truth.

Let us consider, for a moment, the inspired declara-

tions of Jesus, the Master Metaphysician, the great demonstrator of the Science of Life.

Matt. 23:9 John 10:30 Matt. 5:48

Jesus said: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." "I and my Father are one." "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." He admitted no father, no causation but Spirit, but good.

Gen. 1:27 Isa. 63:16 Ps. 46:1

Moses announced the unalterable fact that man is "the image of God." Isaiah exclaims, "*Thou*, O Lord, art our father." David sings triumphantly, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

John 4:24

Jesus proved these statements to be demonstrable, and added this sublime injunction, "God is . . . Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Theology has clouded all this, by failing to discern man, the image of God, *through* the Adam mist, or false claim of life, truth, intelligence, and substance, in matter.

Rev. 10:2

Now, in these last days, Prophets and Apostles are being justified, for we have the "little book" of Revelation, the Key to all Scripture, Science and Health.

John 18:38

Mrs. Eddy has answered the question, "What is truth?" The world, like Pilate, has not waited, in the presence of Christ, to receive the answer, but has wandered aimlessly about in the mazes and shallows of material theories, and evolutions of mortal beliefs, declaring ignorantly that man was physical, mortal, and governed by a carnal, finite mentality. Our Leader has swept away these theories, and their resultant sin, disease and death. In their place, she has enunciated and established the scientific statement of being. She says, in substance, all mortal conditions are illusions. Man is *not* subject to these false laws.

He is, in very deed and actuality, the image of God. God is Mind. The image of Mind is *idea*, a mental creature, created, constituted and governed by this Mind, which is Spirit.

By studying the career of Jesus, we find that in every instance he flatly contradicted the so-called physical senses. Jesus' prayers "were deep and conscientious protests of Truth,—of man's likeness to God and of man's unity with Truth and Love." S. & H. 12

This is the true sense of prayer. You must pray as Jesus did. You must, you can avail yourself of the ever-present creative Mind. You can reflect this Mind, which is God, and so evolve all that is necessary for you. Remember that you must trust this Mind. Think the thoughts of God after Him, image forth the Love that casteth out fear. You can live in the Life which knows no death, no discord. You are a member of that Christ in which there is no schism but which manifests that triply divine Principle, Life, Truth, Love, in the unity of Spirit.

My heart goes out in a great desire to have you lay hold of and understand your substance as "hid with Christ in God." I *know*, and now *declare* that error, evil, cannot hide from you the conscious possession of the riches which God has given you richly to enjoy. Col. 3:3

Hold on! and this false sense will break and you will grasp your inheritance. Some way, *the* way will open. Study, pray, declare the allness of God, the presence of good. *Know* yourselves and each other as idea and that Mind supports and maintains idea. Then do what lies before you to do with courage, hope, faith in God. Silence the lying, talking serpent which whispers limitation. God, Mind, will give you and Mr. D—— wisdom, intelligence, opportunity.

Mark 11:22 "Have faith in God." Put your *whole* trust in the power of Truth. Just love, love, love. I *know* that the demonstration will be made.

Much love to you all.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 2, 1914.

DEAR ——:

I want to express my appreciation of your loving hospitality. Your earnest desire for the Spirit is prayer and is being granted in the surest, fullest, truest way. Walk steadily on, taking but one step at a time, and being content in taking that step. Remember that Ps. 23:1 divine Love is the Shepherd, and you "shall not want."

Simple trust in good is always rewarded by an ability to behold that good.

Let us use the plough and pruning hook. Let us S. & H. 545 till the soil, "so improve material belief by thought tending spiritually upward as to destroy materiality." So put in the plough and use the pruning hook on every sucker thought, so that the vine will yield her fruit and you may drink the pure fruit of the vine.

The War of Armageddon is on. We must see to it that the sword of Truth is not sheathed until all error is destroyed, in ourselves first and then, as a necessary consequent, in collective thought. The papers read like the Revelation of Saint John: surely the seventh seal is opened. Put not your trust in anything material, and keep close to the pavilion of love, seeing nothing but God's idea, and demonstrating the peace of conquered sin. The Triple Alliance of Truth, Life,

Love is conqueror over sin, sickness and death, for victory already rests on the side of right.

Take heart of grace, dear child. Be faithful unto the death of all error and enter into the joy of knowing that the kingdom of heaven *is* come. Love to you, dear.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.
August 6, 1914.

DEAR ——:

It seems a long time since your last letter, and, no doubt you have written since my last. We know, however, that we are not dependent on matter for manifestation or support.

Surely there is a universal chemicalization of thought going on. We met it four years ago in the mental, and now the conflicting forces have been externalized, though they are subjective. The last days of error are here. We must put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to withstand. B—— is fighting too; panoplied in love, she is conquering the last enemy preparatory to entering into the joy of her Lord. Her individuality is so clear and strong,—is immortal. When the baptism of Spirit has cleansed us from all impurities of the flesh, we shall see her, and rejoice.

I know that E—— has been a stay and comfort to you, and that these days have been a time of strength for him. He has had the opportunity to read, think and reconstruct his sense of life. Give him much love.

As for you, beloved, keep your eyes fixed on the goal, perfect manhood in Christ. The dark days must be

short days even in type. The Sun of Righteousness is *risen*. There *are* no dark days.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS,
August 8, 1914.

DEAR ——:

The pen writes very smoothly and I am sure I am going to find it a real comfort. Thank you very much, dear.

During this hour when the seeming forces of suppositional evil, which we met four years ago, are destroying themselves in this final chemicalization, we have nothing to do but to continue to pour into consciousness the reflection of divine Truth, Life and Love, so as to "aid in the ejection of error." Keep in the sweet secret, and send out the ringing harmonies of Spirit, to drown the discords of mortal strife. Surely, our Leader's words come to us in fuller meaning: "We do not blot out the material race of Adam, but leave all sin to God's fiat—self-extinction."

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I am grateful for this quiet haven, where I can read, study and write for hours without disturbance. I feel, too, we are all growing strong in the individual growth so necessary.

God is leading you, and I am glad that you are finding your Principle, and using the rule to demonstrate it, instead of applying to a personal teacher.

Principle is always adequate, and your understanding is also. Lean on the sustaining infinite.

Love to your dear mother.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NANUET, ROCKLAND CO.,
NEW YORK.
September 2, 1914.

DEAR ——:

I am so grateful for the lesson on Man. I have just spent very nearly two hours on it and feel strengthened and refreshed.

Surely the end is near, is here. Error is destroying itself. The Adam belief is going out. We have declared it so long that now we are convinced and are convincing others of the fact. The "only priest is the spiritualized man." It is equally true that the "only crowned head is immortal sovereignty." We have not seen the importance of realizing this latter statement. We must declare it. We must convince ourselves of it. We must come voluntarily under its government, so that men may recognize "this ruling of the Christ." We are beginning to understand that "all believers are made 'kings and priests unto God'" and we must exercise this heritage, this God-given dominion and let it rule out of us all sin, all belief of life in matter. S. & H. 141

I do not know when I shall get back. I find work for Christ wherever I am and feel no hurry to get back to town, as there seems to be no special need just at present.

Much love to you both.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 3, 1914.

BELOVED:

I thank God for every Christ quality I discern in you, and am watching for more of your true individuality, as it shall pierce, like a ray of the great Sun of Righteousness, the veil of false sense. I am grasping more

of Mrs. Eddy's meaning, when she says, make error unreal. See it as nothing and look for the Christ man which really exists *instead* of the finite personality. I know I have caught sight of the idea, and I love its beauty, its harmony, strength, steadfastness, faithfulness, its gentleness and purity, its wisdom and understanding. All this I have glimpsed, as it were, in you, as God's image. I shall wait to catch the full radiance of idea.

Keep Friday, October second, clear. You will receive an invitation to a reception to be given on that date. We are *all* going, and it will be a wonderful time. The large ballroom has been engaged so we will not be crowded. I give you the word in advance, so that you may be on the spot, as you always are. Bless you.

Except for the dear memories of happy days, this summer, and for the freshness these days have given to my thought, I should not know I had been away. It is so natural and easy to come into line again. I have several new patients, who are taking all I can give them. Truly, the harvest is plenteous, the thought is ripe. God has thrust in the sickle. The tares must be bundled for the burning, and the wheat must be garnered. This harvesting is going on in individual and in collective consciousness.

Po. 14 The great Shepherd, divine Love, "show me how to go. . . . How to gather, how to sow." My lambkin is a full grown sheep now. I feel I can trust you; your steps will not wander out of the rugged road, which winds upward. Keep your eye on the goal. You will have light on the way which, although it is narrow, is always safe and leads to sublime heights. From these heights we will view the whole earth and heaven of Mind's creating. We shall be satisfied, content. I need not tell you to be watchful. You know that

material sense presents "the snare, the pit, the fall." Dwell, beloved, in His "habitation high" which *is* "here, and nigh," for God is All. Ps. 4

I cannot tell in human language my deep, abiding love, only life can express it.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL HUSE.

September 14, 1914.

DEAR ——:

On opening my Bible this morning, for my leading for the day, my eyes fell on these lines: "Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem." Zech. 1 16, 17 And from *Science and Health* I read: "The adult, in bondage to his beliefs, no more comprehends his real being than does the child; and the adult must be taken out of his darkness, before he can get rid of the illusive sufferings which throng the gloaming. The way in divine Science is the only way out of this condition." S. & H. 371

"The illusive sufferings which throng the gloaming" belong to the darkness—are the beliefs engendered by ignorance. The light of understanding dispels the darkness and its deception. Then the Lord comforts Zion; in other words, the true spiritual sense has dominion, is "Lord" over us and we are in our true home—the consciousness of divine Love—the kingdom of heaven—the reign of harmony, which is the new or real "Jerusalem."

I am enclosing a letter which I think interesting and

instructive. It is from the patient whom I healed this Spring of the belief of tumor. I received this morning a letter from another patient that gives me joy and encourages me to strive for more of that Mind to be in me which was also in Christ Jesus in order that I may bear more constant witness to the healing power of that Mind.

There must have been a great universal response to the God-thought this week for the air is fresh and brisk and
Gen. 2:6 the atmosphere clear as crystal; the "mist" that "went up . . . from the earth" is not in the ascendant today.

Ps. 118:24 Dear heart, be happy in God's love; "rejoice and be glad," as David says, for in this ever-present, infinite
Acts 17:28 Mind and source of all good, you "live, and move, and have your being." Be watchful. Silence error at once in its first inception, then it *cannot* silence you. *You* are God's child, the outcome of Truth, the effect of Righteousness. Your birthright is dominion and joy is your heritage. So be happy, darling, and *know* that
John 16:22 nothing can rob you of your peace, for Jesus said "your joy no man taketh from you." Remember that you have your Principle, divine Love, ever with you. You know the rule—to give no place nor power to error
Ex. 20:3 and to heed the command, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This Me is Spirit.

Any time you should need a word, remember that you
I Cor. 13:8 can ask for it, by letter, by telephone, or come. "Love never faileth."

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

October 8, 1914.

DEAR ——:

When your special letter came, I thought how dear to hear from you so quickly. When, on opening it, I

found the "love currency," I thought you were commissioning me in some way to do something for the teacher. When I came to your short little sentence at the end of your letter, a sentence made up of so few words and yet so full of all there is—divine Love—I was completely melted. Dear, why should you do this to me? But I shall keep to my first impression that it is a "commission." Your love is given to me to enable me to do the work required of me by God. As I give my time to think God-thoughts and so reveal the objects of Mind's creating, Love will and does provide what is necessary on the journey "from the sense vale up to Soul." Surely the "hills of hope and healing" have given us an outlook over God's dear world, have they not? Our loving has not been in vain. Wonderful days are before us. The whole world is hearing our Leader's declaration of God's fiat to the suppositional Adam race—"self-extinction." Our teacher's voice is finding an echo in the hearts of the people. We, her students, are rising to more conscious understanding, and joy is spiritual power. '01, p. 5

Give the dear girls much love.

Always lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 9, 1914.

BLESSED CHILD:

Just this moment, one o'clock, I have found and read your dear, dear note.

The rich outflow of love that the words express do not need, dear heart, the material accompaniment. Yet, as you say, you and I know that it is *not* material. I see in it your selfless reflection for all with whom you have

been associated in your labors of love. Dear, it is hard for me to take so large a proportion. Do you not know that I am only trying to pay *my* debt, as Jesus did his, —to so spiritualize my thought that false concepts may go out before the reflection of divine Love? Is it not wonderful that in the proportion that we pay this debt of sin, the affluence of Mind's abundance flows in to us?

I have no fear for you. You are spiritual idea, bodied forth Life, and Truth, and Love. Nothing can be real to you but good. This understanding gives you strength to hold on to Principle until chemicalization has thoroughly purified even the gold of human character. Your consciousness is in the living faith, not in belief. You, as a member of Christ, have dominion over all beliefs. Have no fear; what *can* flesh do unto you?

Today, I have had a case brought to me that has sent me closer than ever to God, and I feel such confidence, such joy in assured victory.

The lesson gives you all the weapons you need. Remember that wherever you are, you are at home, and in your native atmosphere, for God is ever-present I AM.

Faithfully, lovingly,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 11, 1914.

DEAR ——:

There

> Comes a pause in the day's occupations,
> That is known as the children's hour.

Such a pause has come today, and I am sure it belongs to you.

A—— called up, a few minutes ago, to find out the time of your arrival, so that she could meet you with the car. You see that Love is infinitely present, and is ever reflected. We cannot suppose a point outside of infinite Spirit. The *claim* that the objects of Mind's creating can be turned upside down is not legitimate, and is met by effectual denial and the renewed affirmation of the truth that God made all that was made, and made it good.

Take courage, dear one: "The human triumphs, achieved over the body, elevate and consecrate both mind and body, so that they present better the true idea of man, until the creature finally disappears, and the eternal man, created by and of Spirit, is seen in the true likeness of his Maker." S. & H. 47th Ed. 118

We must keep the goal constantly in sight, but we must not ignore the claim of a mortal mind. This claim is false, therefore can be overthrown. It is baseless, whereas your claim to being is founded on Truth which is itself Life, harmonious and eternal.

Never plead guilty to the repeated accusations of mortal mind. Your confidence is in unchanging good. Error is not true and cannot derive any support from you, who are truth, the manifest idea or bodied forth image, of Principle—immutable, immortal Truth. Have no fear of the so-called human. Look it right in the eye, it will withdraw into its native nothingness, and you will behold the divine reflection, the image and likeness of God.

Blessed, indeed, are the pure in heart.

Lovingly yours always,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 21, 1914.

DEAR ——:

The substance of this letter was sent to you yesterday and today—I can also add, in the words of Scripture "and forever"; can I not?

I know that you understand Science too well to look into matter either for cause or effect. Read the chapter in *Miscellany* entitled Christmas, and pay particular heed to "What Christmas Means to Me." Note the last sentence: "Material gifts and pastimes tend to obliterate the spiritual idea in consciousness, leaving one alone and without His glory." At this time of the year there is a good deal of thought in the wrong direction. This universal claim may be touching you somewhat. Handle it. Take yourself out of the claim of belief and realize idea. The material so-called senses are stirred, but you know that the only true sense is Soul and is of necessity spiritual.

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Error *cannot* touch you, be real to you, nor find anything in you for you are a member of Christ, not a member of the dragon.

Much love to you and to mother.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 29, 1914.

DEARLY BELOVED:

You will soon read again of the New heaven and the New earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. This word *new* implies to me *direct* emanation from Mind. It signifies the same thing as the Golden Text for last week's lesson: "Thou, Lord, in the *beginning* hast laid the foundation of the earth." Our Leader says:

Heb. 1:10

"This word *beginning* is employed to signify *the only*, —that is, the eternal verity and unity of God and man, including the universe." We know that God is All-in-all, therefore Life, Truth, Love is the *only*. The earth, the true, real, *new* heaven and earth has its foundation in God, in Truth, in Love. This manifestation of Mind, expression of Soul, the Christ, is ever *New;* it proceedeth from Life, Truth, Love; it is ever living, unchanging, lovely. All that is real is involved in Christ; we are members of Christ and express the divine nature. Let us joy in this eternal fact and recognize our sonship—come into possession of our blessed heritage. God gives us all things richly to enjoy. We must turn away from false, finite sense and more consciously identify ourselves with Principle. S. & H. 502

In Mind's perfect universe, no solar revolutions mark the soul-filled years of eternity. The Sun of Righteousness finds no opaque, carnal thought to obstruct its infinite rays as they illumine the universe with light. Eternity knows neither infancy nor age. "Manhood is its eternal noon, undimmed by a declining sun." No night, no shadow caused by turning, brings darkness and gloom. In the consciousness of Truth, all is light and love, joy and confidence. S. & H. 246

Blessed child, it is in this New heaven and earth that I find you, this bright New Year, and greet you as a fellow member of Christ, the New Man whose kingdom is without end.

This current lesson on God is so rich. Remember that you are the presence of God, in your real selfhood. Material self is illusion. "There is no power apart from God." Then rejoice that you are *not* apart from God, but are the very expression of His being. S. & H. 228

It seems as though I had said nothing! My heart is

so full. But, dearest one, you know that it is all in Mind for you to read, for you to have.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

God is good. Good is the only Power. I rejoice in your demonstration of this truth. No law of matter, or the flesh can govern you. You must live *out* of the fleshly sense of life so that you will *know* that you live, move and have your being in Love. God is Mind. You are mental. Our textbook says: "The material senses originate and support all that is material, untrue, selfish or debased." We must constantly deny material sense and self. Then we can come forward in our true being—immortal children of God, the offspring of Mind, not of matter. Your hearing is not dependent on matter but *is* dependent on understanding. Keep your thought joyous, free, loving, watchful. Be faithful, hopeful, trustful. Study your textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. Constantly keep before you the example of Jesus. In order to do this you must examine his life work, familiarize yourself with his precept and action. Then seek the metaphysical explanation of them in Science and Health. You will find that you will have no time for the indulgence of morbid beliefs and that you will become more and more sensitive to mental impression, consequently will *hear*.

S. & H. 318

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

These have been busy days. I have felt, however, that the lesson sermons must have answered your need,

especially this one on the universe and man. Every question that could be put by ignorant, mortal mind is fully answered in this setting forth of the spiritual unfolding of God's perfect creation, as stated in the first chapter of *Genesis* and illuminated by the metaphysics of Mrs. Eddy's exegesis.

In this right sense of creation, you find yourself perfect, and enjoying all the sweet amenities of life, because creation consists in the "unfolding of spiritual ideas and their identities, which are embraced in the infinite Mind and forever reflected." You see, then, it is necessary to dwell in the secret place of the Most High, for only so are you living; there is no other place, for consciousness is in and of God, good; evil is not place, it is *no* place, *no* thing, *no* person. You are a member of His person, or manifest Christ. All faculties are mental, and belong wholly to Mind, to God. You *manifest* these faculties, reflecting the action of Mind. You see how wrong it is to try to hold these *spiritual* activities in matter. That is the only reason they are ever lost, or seem to be lost. Everyone who so holds them loses them. S. & H. 503

Be peremptory in your dismissal of error. Do not parley with it. Witness always for Truth and its truth —Principle and idea.

Love is with you and is guiding you safely and surely.

I rejoice with you in your son's success. Everything will open for you. Nothing can hide God's affluent bounty from you or from anyone who will seek it. Remember Jesus' injunction to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. All is in Mind. Mind is God. Love to you and let me hear from you.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Naturally your letter was a great surprise to me, because yesterday I was told that in every way you had proved so satisfactory.

Now, dear heart, do not let the argument of discouragement and inefficiency talk to you. Something will come out of this that will be better than two weeks employment. Keep up your trust in good. God *is* your Father-Mother. You can trust that infinite, divine Love to meet your every human need. I *know* this. Open your thought to the inflowing tide of Love. Wait actively, that is, *watch* for the opportunity which divine Love will unfailingly offer you. Be ready. The world needs spiritual power. Mrs. Eddy says: "Honesty is spiritual power." Be honest with yourself. You say that good is God, is the only Power. Then be honest and put your entire faith in this ever-present help.

S. & H. 453

Thought is force. Divine Love is the currency that never fails and is always received at its face value.

Come up any time that you feel that I can help you.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

I was so glad to receive your letter, and rejoice to know that you are reading Science and Health so faithfully.

Jesus said that to *know* God is life eternal. God is All, and a right knowledge of God constitutes a right knowledge of all Cause and all effect, then it is, in very truth, *Science* or "ascertained truth." This "right knowledge" of "All" includes a *right* knowledge of

ourselves as God's image and likeness, in which we enjoy perfect wholeness—perfect Health. We need then *Science* to have Health. This is what the title of the dear book always means to me.

Peter said to the sick man, "Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole." Paul, in that great "light" on the road to Damascus saw Jesus *rightly*. He had been persecuting his followers but now after this great illumination, he *knew* the truth and could speak with authority,—he had a scientific standpoint from which he could view all men. Acts 9:34

You *have now* this health, this wholeness, in Christ—in Truth. Error *cannot* deprive you of this Science, this "ascertained truth." Do not let fear hold you an instant, nor contract, nor congest your thought. Remember that the one Mind—God—absolutely controls you and that by reflecting this Mind you enter into conscious possession of your boundless inheritance, dominion over all things.

Our textbook is the Key to all Scripture. As you read it, simply, prayerfully, faithfully, you will be able to read, *understand*, the "writing on the wall"; you will come into the wisdom and intelligence which enables you to solve every problem of human existence.

I am not claiming for the Truth more than is warranted by the Word of God. We find recorded in the Bible numberless instances of the marvelous things done by those who had the right knowledge of God.

Take courage then, dear friend; lean wholly on God as Principle, and learn to know yourself as idea, as the perfect child of a perfect Father.

Then will drop away all ignorance, all false education, all inherited belief, and you will *find* your true self,

free from the dream of sickness, and discord of every kind.

Love to you all.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

A day or two ago I received a letter from a young man whom from time to time I have treated at such times as it was necessary. In replyihg to his last letter it seems to me I may have said something that would be helpful to Mr. D——, so am sending you a copy.

Dear friend, I urge you to lean so entirely on Truth that your thought will relax its tension and you will feel
Deut. 33:27 that "underneath are the everlasting arms." *Know* that your strength is not in *nerve* but in Love, not in physique but in confidence and reliance on Principle.
Phil. 2:5, 13 "*Let* this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: For it is *God* which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." I know you "will" or desire *now*. Then remember that *that* is already God working in you. Now *trust*, *trust* that He who has *begun* a good work in you will accomplish it. You will find as you let go of yourself and let God "take you up" that all congestion and seeming inaction in the body will disappear, for all *action* is in Mind, and is controlled by Mind.

Much love to you, all three.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Your good letter brought me joy, and a sense of encouragement that a young man, occupied as you have

been, in the business world, surrounded by the temptations incident to making his own way in the world, should so clearly see that the Truth, as taught and lived by our Master and by our Leader, is the only Life, the only Substance.

You say there has come a moment that requires more understanding, on your part, of the one Way, than you feel that you have, and you ask me to help you, by reflecting the light of spiritual thought to you.

It must be clear to you that there is but one Principle; that this Principle constitutes all that really is. Principle is Love; therefore all that really is, is loving, is Love like. Principle is Life; therefore what really is, is living, active, animate. Principle is Truth; therefore what really is must be true, honest, sincere, real, characterized by integrity, uprightness, trustworthiness unchangeableness—in fact, must have all the qualities of Truth.

We have learned to call this Principle, God, or Good, for there can be found in it no noxious element, no warring, conflicting, antagonistic qualities. All its attributes are harmonious, beneficent, constructive. This Principle is the very substance of all its own infinite creation. As we think these vital truths, we are more conscious of their actuality and demonstrability, so we come to realize that we must be *thinking* by means of Principle; hence Principle is Mind, and we, with all the rest of the universe, are mental beings.

To be cognizant then of the creations of Truth, or of true phenomena, we must be thinkers, operators of that Mind "which was also in Christ Jesus." We will then behold the universe and man of true thought, and enjoy a sense of possession, or as Moses expressed it, enter into possession of the promised land.

Phil. 2:5

Now, just as Principle, immortal Mind, Life, Truth, Love, manifests itself in and through its ideas, and is the substance of all its manifestations, so the claim or mortal mind, which is sickness, sin and death, seems to manifest itself in and through its concepts, material objects and physical personalities. Just as we must get back to Principle, or Mind, in order to behold and enjoy its objects and cognize its substance, so we have to be worked, as it were, by the claim, or mortal mentality, in order to believe or cognize its beliefs.

The claim, or mesmeric power, so-called, of evil has so dominated its own belief-world that mortals have cognized little or nothing else. But thanks to the spiritual seers of all time, but more particularly to Jesus, the great Master Metaphysician, and to our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, we have caught the reflection of the Sun of Righteousness, the "Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." As far-reaching rays of that infinite source of all light, they have pierced the opacity of mortal mentality, dispelled, in some degree, our own selfish blindness and vain self-deception, and have awakened us to a new sense of God and man.

James 1:17

This light has uncovered to us the hitherto hidden workings of animal magnetism. In our partially awakened state, we are struggling with the phantoms of our own dream. Mortals look like monsters to us, and personalities are often repulsive, or seem to be the victims of jealousy, envy, covetousness, and greed. Dishonesty and deception seem to be powers only because now we are more alert to the claim. Mrs. Eddy warns us against the growing odiousness of sin. Sin should always be impersonal to us, but at the same time, we must remember that sin would be unseen, unheard,

undone, *unreal* were there no personification of it. It is the *sinner* that makes a reality of sin. In the same way it is the saint who makes good tangible. There must be a demonstrator.

I have noticed a tendency among some Christian Scientists to misapprehend the meaning of the word substance, as used by Paul and by Mrs. Eddy. Substance is a quality of Mind, and Mind is Spirit, is Love. A proper understanding of substance in the letter, and a conscious sense of it, in the Spirit, would meet every need, and would be inexhaustible supply. The trouble with young students of the Science of Life is that their "sense of substance involves error and therefore is material, temporal." S. & H. 301

God, Love, supports and maintains Her idea, in affluent bounty. This *fact* can never be reversed, it is *fixed*. In proportion as this thought grows in our consciousness, we will *reflect* Mind, bring forth effect from Cause, and, of course, the effect will *appear* to us just what our mentality, or quality of thought, will cognize.

There is really no lack, for God is ever-present Principle, the constituent element of everything. Then, it is for us to destroy the jealousy, envy, narrowness, selfishness, fear, or ignorance which hide "all things" which God has given us "richly . . . to enjoy." I Tim. 6:17

Serve God. Use your God-given ability to think and act. You will find that you will have more radiation. It will *look* like money but it will be reflection. Do not watch other people's progress unless it may be to emulate any good you may see. Remember that any error you may detect, or think that you detect, is in mortal mind, and may be working through *you* for recognition and *not* in your brother or sister. Even if

error is working in them, give it no power, for if it excites in you criticism or censure unaccompanied by the love which would destroy it for you, then error has accomplished its work; it has succeeded in making error real to you, by causing you to be a sinner or witness to the actuality of sin.

S. & H. 469 God is Mind. Mind is the only creator. "The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind—called *devil* or evil—is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality." Become conscious of good. Know that this good is power. Let it move you to be and do good.

S. & H. 392 Thought is force. There is but one thought-force, for there is but one Mind. Be vigilant. "Stand porter at the door of thought." Love is the only way. Handle the serpent—self-deception which would make you believe in anything but good.

I will work for you. That is: I shall seek to realize the omnipotence of Truth and the impotence of error.

Be strong. Be faithful. Have no fear. God will guide you and uphold you in every right endeavor.

You will reap what you sow.

Love to you all.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

MY DEAR STUDENTS:

A little word to each and both.

You *know* that you are mental. There is no physical. What seems to be so is mental—a concept in thought and is as susceptible of change as is thought. You can have no fear of any seeming physical condition when

you hold yourself as mental. Then take the next step —declare your absolute conviction of and loyalty to *one* Mind, even good. This steadfast denial of the false claim to a mortal mind, and the faithful assertion of the immortal Mind uplifts the thought, and "Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power." S. & H. 192

I *know* that error cannot deceive you. *You* must *know* this. You must so realize the allness of God—good—that you cannot be deceived, for an instant, by any argument of the false claim to presence of any other seeming power.

Let me hear from you, right away. I shall give you both a good treatment tonight and know that you are wide awake.

Be true to Christ, of which you are the spiritual members. Let nothing betray you into thinking that finite personality is *any*thing.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

The lesson this week on matter should give you a very clear sense of the substance of Mind, and the nothingness of so-called mortal mind, and its suppositional phenomena. The brick and slime of mortals must give place to the stone and cement of immortals. It is a glorious sermon. We must so embody the divine wisdom of its teaching as to be ourselves a living evidence of the power of the Word. Declare for God's Allness. Handle the claim of mesmerism, with all other qualities of mortal mentality. Free yourself from the magnetism of human opinions, human will, the claim to a selfhood apart from God; then you can be moved by Truth and

Love into your right place. Know now that there is no power in error to influence you. Take your stand with God, Principle, and cling steadfastly to God and His idea,—your real, individual reflection of Life.

Declare for your oneness with God, turn wholly to God, lean heavily on God, and less and less on person. Evil is not power; by never yielding to it we prove it. Jesus never yielded to the tempter. All we need is the understanding to destroy in ourselves the qualities of mortal mind, and thus reveal the ideal man, God's own image. Live out of the senses, wrestle with mortal belief, deny vigorously every suggestion or argument of the mortal sense of things. "There is no power apart from God." We must be strict, live strictly as God's idea, then we can always meet every problem and destroy it. Love is the only power, and you are God's idea, Love's idea.

S. & H. 228

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

The words "thank you" are so often on my lips, and still oftener in my heart, that I find myself searching for an expression more rare, less used, less worn, as it were; but the old familiar words come to me and seem to say: "We are your old friends; we will carry your message of gratitude and love. We are *but* words, we know, but your thought behind us will give us life and substance, for back of the thought we know is the divine Love and Truth and Life which is the only Mind, the only thought-force."

So, dear, I am trusting this infinite Mind to so give substance to my thought as I write the homely words,

"I thank you," that you will feel my individual reflection of Love, as I do yours.

It is only as I realize that I am God's child, and as I deny the claim to a selfhood apart from God, that I can for a moment feel worthy of all this expression of gratitude from these dear friends.

I shall try to write to each one but, in the meantime, should you see any of them, will you convey to them my deep appreciation of their love and confidence.

Lovingly your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BASKET NINE

Letters 1915–1916

NEW YORK CITY,
January 6, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Surely you were with us! It was thoughtless of me not to think that you might be home, for over Sunday.

We had a happy time, and I know that you received the reflection of Truth, Life and Love that went out to all, especially to those who were listening, as you were.

When we detach ourselves from finite personality, and look to Principle for self-completion, we experience a freedom that is unknown to those who are entangled in the ties of the flesh. The "liberty of the children of God" is a consciousness where there is neither male nor female and where the sense of duality is completely destroyed, for we are all *one* in Christ. Each one, each member of Christ is *one*, not two—is spiritual only—is divine only—not spiritual *and* material, not divine *and* human.

Rom. 8:21

We must *know* that this Christ is come, is appearing, is reigning *now*, right *here;* that we are appearing with him, as members of Christ.

Keep in the spiritual consciousness, dear. Our Leader says, "Let the 'male and female' of God creating appear. Let us feel the divine energy of Spirit, bringing us into newness of life and recognizing no mortal nor material power as able to destroy."

S. & H. 249

You see from this, that we cannot have our full power, or experience the "divine energy," while believing ourselves either masculine or feminine; we must manifest the fullness of Mind, and be *man*—male and female, even God's image and likeness. This likeness is not physical; it is mental; it is not material; it is wholly spiritual; it is not mortal; it is immortal. In proportion as we "put off the old man with his deeds"—his thoughts, we shall be transformed by the renewal of our minds, and so be able to present our "bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is y(our) reasonable service." Thus we will "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Col. 3:9

Rom. 12:1, 2

This "perfect will of God" is being wrought in us, and it is heaven, is it not? even this much of it.

Lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

January 20, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Much too long a time has gone by without my acknowledgment of your loving gift to me. I should have written you long ago.

The pretty little skirt hangers are very useful, and your generous expression of the pure gold of self-sacrifice fills me with gratitude.

Our Leader says that the presence of the ideal man is indicated by some word or deed. We know that only God is good; only Spirit is Power; and that "Identity is the reflection of Spirit, the reflection in multifarious forms of the living Principle, Love." Your identity, then, consists in the Truth you manifest, in the good you do, in the Love you reflect.

S. & H. 447

This Love, this God is your Life. Be conscious of

this and you will reflect in your life hourly and daily the beauty, harmony and activity of divine Mind. In proportion that your consciousness is a reflection of Principle, will you experience the environment and conditions which are created or unfolded by intelligent understanding.

Love will guide you into the right course for you to pursue. Money should never be the goal; it is, in its true valuation, the circulation of thought.

Have no fear. I know you are faithful. Find yourself as complete, compound idea and you will be "satisfied."

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 11, 1915.

DEAR ——:

This morning I shall spend with you and I hope we shall be uninterrupted. I have made no appointments, have read the lesson, done some work, and now am sitting at my desk, in this dear room, flooded with sunshine. Let us sit together in the sunlight of Truth. It invigorates and purifies. No mists can obscure the celestial peaks of true thought. Remember that, as man, we are "free 'to enter into the holiest,'—the realm of God." This is the only realm, for it is infinite; no supposition of error is to be found in this pure realm of Mind. All the objects of and in this infinite realm of good are *things* of Spirit: "all is Spirit, divine Principle and its idea." "Spirit and its formations are the only realities of being." "Hence all is Spirit and spiritual." "The image of Spirit cannot be effaced, since it is the idea of Truth and changes not, but becomes more

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beautifully apparent at error's demise." The *Century Dictionary* gives as the definition of efface: "to keep out of view or unobserved; cause to be unnoticed or not noticeable."

I was impressed with this, this morning. Spirit and its phenomena are so substantial! Nothing *can* hide man who *is* the image and likeness of Spirit. The substantiality of Spirit is becoming more and more evident. *Science and Health* says on page 269: "Metaphysics resolves things into thoughts, and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul. These ideas are perfectly real and tangible to spiritual consciousness, and they have this advantage over the objects and thoughts of material sense,—they are good and eternal."

We need have no fear of any claim to presence or power other than Spirit. Hold yourself as God's presence. When you speak, know that there is only one voice and this voice must be, *is* heard and immediately, implicitly obeyed, for it is the Law, even the divine will expressed.

There is but one Mind. Think with this Mind. Its decrees are unalterable. Cut yourself off from everything but this one and only Truth. No lie can pursue you.

Dear, I am called out, so must run. I wanted to write you a real letter and feel I have just started.

Unmeasured love, dear heart.

Your loving teacher,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
March 4, 1915.

MY DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

The overflowing measure of your gratitude and love fills me with a deep humility. But there is a song of

joy in my heart: a rejoicing in the affluence of our divine Principle, and in the wealth of your selfless reflection.

Dear, can you understand that your ability to so evolve from infinite Cause, to so produce from boundless Source, is an unspeakable joy to me? My praise and thanksgiving is pouring out to the All-Father for this manifestation of your power of reflection. You have given of yourself, of your individual identity. I know, and you know, that it is substance-thought, that manifests divine thought, which alone can meet the world's great need.

As you rise to comprehend the majesty and glory of your Christ membership; as you discern your divine Principle to be immortal Life, immutable Truth, eternal Love, you will be conscious of your oneness with that beneficent Cause, that tender Father-Mother; you will feel the constant presence of idea; you will draw
S. & H. 575 to you by "the polar magnet of Revelation" the countless ideas which people God's universe; you will find yourself dispensing, radiating the inexhaustible riches of a consciousness proceeding from and yet abiding in Truth.

The infinite motherhood of Truth and Love is reflected by every idea of God. This reflection is the power to reveal to oneself and to others the objects of spiritual thought.

Let your treasure be in this substance-consciousness; then every thought will be an image of some quality of divine Mind, Love's halo will rest upon it, and you will be satisfied with it.

To whomsoever you give of this substance, to them
Matt. 26:26 you can say, as did Jesus, "'This is my body.' Take it, partake of it; it is my individual conception of God's infinite love. Share it with me. I can behold your

manifestation, your imaging forth of this Principle and I love it."

Only late this evening, too late to telephone you, dear, did I open the tiny envelope, which all that time was carrying so much, so very much, that for a moment I was staggered. I could not grasp it. At once I received a strong mental impression of the *real* of your unselfish sacrifice, of the *glow* of reflection.

Dear child, I can say so little; but my thought will continue to bless and lift you, for I shall go to my Father and draw on Him for more of the divine nature wherewith to neutralize all claim against Him. God subdivides and radiates our borrowed light, so I can trust that heavenly Father-Mother to order and direct His-Her own ray so that whatever I should be to you I shall be, for God, good, governs it.

You will feel the return to you of added power, for we *have* only as we give—our possession is our reflection of substance-Mind.

Faithfully, lovingly your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
March 22, 1915.

DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

My joy is great that you were with us tonight, it means, oh, so much to me when you choose the spiritual! It meant more to me than I can tell you that you so arranged that you could be here.

You did not grasp, dearest, all I meant about your contemplated addition to your house, for I could not finish what was in my thought. Let me see if I can put it into words.

You know that your home is your consciousness.

Your thought has formed your environment. It is a beautiful, harmonious, symmetrical, balanced expression. You have done much towards beautifying and harmonizing your thought and its expression. But you know that there is a weak spot, an undeveloped place in the *expression*, or outlined symbol—the house. Now, it has come to me that this must indicate a weak spot, an undeveloped place in the *thought*. I said this just as it came to me; but I think you did not understand that this was meant from a metaphysical standpoint. Then, if this be so, work in your own thought. Round it out, develop it, strengthen it, enrich it *spiritually*. Read, study, commune, declare the allness of God; handle *daily* the false claim of material generation, personal contagion, physical belief, in short mortal mind. Then fill your thought with Truth and Love, and radiate—think out into consciousness.

Claim your at-one-ment with God, good. The pure thought emanating from divine Mind is the seed within itself—*the seed of all real things*. Every object is mental, is the offspring of thought. The thought which emanates from divine Mind is unlimited, is omnipotent, can produce, can multiply *infinitely*.

Your dear parent is a reflector of Mind's productive power. You are also. In the present sense of human generation, you *seem* to *receive* from a human parent. But he is truly idea and reflects to you *your own*—that which God has already given you. This blesses him; but, dear, it is for *you* to reveal it, it is *yours*. Love will unfold it to you.

Have no self-will or fear about it. Wait patiently, knowing all the time that you live in Mind, Life, Truth, Love—and that Mind is creative Principle, which never for an instant ceases to unfold its infinite creation.

God, divine Love, watches over that blessed home which will become more and more radiant, more and more symmetrical, just in proportion as your thought is assimilated to the divine. As the *grace* of the Lord Jesus Christ appears in your thought, or constitutes your consciousness, it will appear in the gracious proportions of your home.

God will send His angels, His own thoughts, ideas—to help you. *Know* this, and you will behold them. They will look to you like human man and woman; that is, to your belief, but to spiritual understanding they are spiritual, not material.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
March 21, 1915.

DEAR ——:

You are now in the valley of decision. Truth will determine the issue. Know that there is but one way. Error would argue many ways, but there is but one. "Christ in divine Science shows us this way." Handle all the claims of suppositional mortal mind so that you may prove the statement of Science that Truth and Love are the motive-power of man. You cannot be moved by any other power or belief in any other motive-power. Working rightly, you will find yourself under the law of Spirit and will be held in the grasp of Spirit. "Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind." Declare this and deny any counterfeit forces. S. & H. 242 S. & H. 124

You are not afraid of mortal mind. You know that there is no such thing. You know that all the qualities supposed to constitute such a claim are unreal and

rendered null and void by the understanding of their nothingness.

Realize that you are a member of Christ, placed in the body as it has pleased God; that you can never change your membership, for Truth and its truth are immutable. No argument to the contrary can disturb. Nothing can cloud your conscious enjoyment of the exercise of your God-given prerogative—self-government. No malpractice of human opinion, human desires, or any belief in an influence other than divine can move you in the least.

God governs His own universe and you are a part of this perfect whole.

I have no slightest doubt of your making a wise decision. I cannot advise you. You know the situation better than do I, and moreover it is for you to know, so inevitably you *will* know. The daily prayer enjoined by our Leader covers the whole question and the divine will enables you to "*know,—as in heaven, so on earth,—God is omnipotent, supreme.*"

S. & H. 17

Might it not be well for you to inquire what is to become of the school at L——? I understand the Principal is retiring. If the school is to change hands, there may be vacancies to fill. This merely comes to me to speak of.

I am here for a day or two. I shall return to town to-morrow.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 28, 1915.

DEAR ——:

The orchids are *beautiful!* They arrived crisp with freshness and are still vigorous and brilliant. Do they

grow in those dear Berkshire woods? How glorious it must be there today!

I divided the generous bounty of your love and it adorned our home here at Number Seven as well as my office. In this way, many have enjoyed the flowers.

When I come up, I know I shall find great progress with you all. You must never let a day go by without reading and studying your textbook. You will become more expert in applying the Principle and Rule to the daily problems.

Hold yourself constantly in the spiritual mental. Deny all sense testimony. Handle every day the aggressive mental suggestions which proceed from carnal mentality. These suggestions are material, therefore *mortal*—deadly. Do not *fear* one of these suggestions or arguments but put them where they belong, *out* of mind, under foot, beneath your heel. You *understand* now, it is no longer belief.

Give much love to each of the little family.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL M. HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
July 24, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Although the "article"[1] is very much cut, still it says some telling things. Are you not pleased?

It was so good to find the papers here! It was a refreshment, a touch of home, a breath of "native atmosphere." I am so rejoiced that you had something to do with the interview! It is for this reason that I am writing you, immediately after reading it.

[1] The "article" referred to is an interview with Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, appearing in the New York *Evening Mail* of July 19, 1915.

Our teacher's work is becoming more evident every day. She is holding the thought of immortality in consciousness, until the further coming of Christ presents phenomenon.

This article will do much to waken people to the true import of Science.

S. & H. 135 "Christianity as Jesus taught it was not a creed, nor a system of ceremonies, nor a special gift from a ritualistic Jehovah . . ." Neither is Science as taught by "Mary" an organization, a Board of Directors, or a newspaper.

The customs of the age in which the Master lived, permitted him to preach in the temple, discuss points of moral and spiritual law in the synagogues. He went about, as did the philosophers, addressing the people wherever he could get a hearing. He was not alone in this, it was the custom of the time.

The channels through which Mrs. Eddy could reach the world were first and foremost her publications, which must be safe-guarded from mutilation and adulteration.

She, because she was *She*, had a wall of ignorance, superstition, prejudice, tradition, in fact the whole human fabric, to break down. Her divine womanhood had to grapple with Adam's dream and corporeal sense, the serpent. She met, in mental combat, all the worst passions of men which had bound the human race in ecclesiastical despotism and tyranny.

In order to protect her Christ idea, she, like Mary, had to go into Egypt,—material organization—and there tarry till Herod should be killed, error destroy itself.

Now I believe the hour has again come when the angel, the inspired thought, speaks "Saying, Arise, and

take the young child and his *mother*, and go into the land of Israel: for *they are dead* which sought the young child's life." Matt. 2:20

Science is the "young child"; but it has a representative; there is an impersonation; individualized power. This individualizing of spiritual power we have seen in our teacher. She has been brought out of Egypt into the land of Israel. She is not in the bondage of material organization. A further study of the second chapter of Matthew shows, however, that although "*Herod* was dead, Archelaus did reign in Judæa in the room of his father Herod." So there is further protection necessary. Matt. 2:19, 22

Christian Science, the ideal man, bearing the signet of God, the divine image, is not yet fully liberated from the pursuing hatred of materialism. But, I believe, yes, we may say we *know*, this *word* which has been spoken in the New York press will silence the lie, and so allow Truth and Her truth to be heard. Herod is building his own monument over his own mythical remains.

I rejoice greatly to see this monument rise, for it is an evidence that death is *dead*. Ignorance has had to declare itself to be ignorant; the belief of life in matter has had to say, "Look at me, I am not life at all,—only a belief."

How marvelously our blessed teacher has obeyed her Teacher's injunction: "Beloved! you need to watch and pray that the enemy of good cannot separate you from your Leader and best earthly friend." She and her loyal students alone are with our Leader in Life, and we shall see this Life's manifestation, for we have denied all substance to mortal belief. My. 358

The land of Israel, into which Science has been

brought, is a land of princes, or royal children, even those lords over whom the Lord shall reign, and those kings over whom the King shall reign.

Much love to you, beloved. I shall be in my office Wednesday morning.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS,
August 1, 1915.

Remember, dear fellow-laborer in the vineyard, "Love never faileth." You have reflected this Love divine in thought, word, deed, to one who for a "moment of time" is seemingly hidden from human sight, by the "mist" of belief.

I Cor. 13:8

Luke 4:5

But Love and Love's love never fail. A—— B——is *now* overcoming the shadow, by means of that same Light; your reflection still illumines her path from sense to Soul.

You could not give of your *oil*, dear. You could but hold your lamp, filled and burning, while she went through the experiences which would buy her own oil; her own individualizing of spiritual power.

What has happened? Nothing that God knows anything about. You will rise to more selfless heights as you let Mind pour into your waiting thought its own healing love.

Our Leader says: "Among the manifold soft chimes that will fill the haunted chambers of memory, this is the sweetest: 'Thou hast been faithful!'" Surely, dear one, these words will bring their own peace and joy to you.

Mis. 343

You have been faithful. Enter into the joy of realiz-

ing, "there is no death." I send you much love and reflection of Truth, Life.

Lovingly always,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

August 1, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Every moment was so filled before leaving town that it was literally impossible to do anything more than I did.

So here I am, dear, writing you after our beautiful trip. I have been over and over it again, viewing the wonderful pictures, in the light of growing understanding. How *good* God is if the promise of Him is so good! When our sense of substance involves no error, how wondrous form, outline and color! Everything we behold is in our thought, is a mental phenomenon, and images a state of mind. Jesus was speaking from the point of view of the absolute, when he said, "the kingdom of God is within you." Our world is our thought, I have been impressed with that of late. There are grades and grades of people living in the same region; their world is commensurate with their development. People talk about that which forms their mental world; its people, its occupations. Cannot we see the force of Paul's saying: "For our conversation is in heaven"? If we are in harmony with Life, Truth, Love, then every word we utter will portray, or bespeak, or declare that world. In that condition of thought, is realized what is spoken of in Revelation: "They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy." What a blessed, blessed sense of unity with all good is here intimated. All Revelation is an allegorical portrayal of what John

Luke 17:21

Phil. 3:20

Rev. 4:8

experienced when the Spirit carried him above the corporeal sense.

Dear, I feel that the Spirit lifted us so that we saw much more than symbols. Spirit,—Life, Truth, Love, —is continually operating, and will destroy the sin qualities in our own belief; so enabling us to see even also as we are seen of Christ.

We must each one redeem the world; obtain and retain a right concept of all things; only in this way is happiness found.

Thank God for the Wayshower, and for the Leader, and for the teacher. We cannot fail for the Truth is irresistible and we cannot rest in error. Buckle on the armor of love more securely. Never take off the sandals and keep your staff in hand. "This is an element of progress, and progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil." But this *progress* is attended every minute by a sense of security and peace which is true rest, for "underneath are the everlasting arms" to bear us up the mountainous path. *We* can never forget, that, however steep the way, there are glimpses of beauty and a glorious look-out at the top. We can also remember that when near the summit there is generally a seeming, downward trend to the trail. We may be tempted to think that we are going *down* the mountain, have lost the trail. But if we are watchful, we will soon see the blazing of the faithful pioneer—"this way to the top"!

S. & H. 233

Deut. 33:27

We *are* climbing a steep ascent, but don't you *love* it?

And now, dear, you do not need for me to say how absolutely without blemish the trip was. Only Love reflected in love could have brought out so happy a time. I am grateful to the dear Love and Her love or idea.

Please give my kind regards to your dear father for without his reflection we would have had none of this beautiful trip.

To you, dear, I send as always that love which "never faileth." I Cor. 13:8

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS,
August 5, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Every day, I have thought I would write you, but other letters have seemed imperative and although I have let no day go by without mailing several letters, still I am in arrears.

Your telephone message a few minutes ago spurred me on to more fervent declarations of God's allness. "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe." S. & H. 465 There is no reversal of this truth. Truth is unchanging and unreversible Principle—Life, Truth, Love—can never change its nature, and is fully expressed in life, truth, love. This perfect manifestation, the Christ, is the only Person. You are a member of this Christ. You are individual; you individually *know* as divine energy, the law or intelligent force, Spirit, enables you to know. You can know or experience nothing but good. There is nothing to oppose the perfect action of idea controlled by Principle.

The suggestion of an inverted principle called claim—sin, disease, death,—would mean a mortal mind. This is impossible for Mind is immortal and the only consciousness. As Mind is infinite it knows, or cognizes

only its *self*—all true phenomena which considered *together* is the whole Christ. You are found only in this
I Cor. 3:23 Christ. You are rooted and built up in Him. "And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." Therefore we say in all absoluteness, "God is All." I am so grateful that I know this; that *you* know it. There is nothing else to know and there is no cognizing power by which to know anything else. *Knowing* is an act of intelligence and intelligence is a basic quality of Mind and Mind is God. The eternal circle is forever complete; God is All, and All is God.

Now wake up, Beloved. Think—that is, pour out your heart in gratitude. Nothing can touch you to discord.

S—— has just come in to say that we must run to Barrington.

You are *all right!* And you *know* it!

Love from us both.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 24, 1915.

DEAR ——:

The steamer postal came yesterday.

You see I am still here; leaving today. Such a beautiful day, just as you are having in Maine.

This morning, I have been reading the gospel of John in the Twentieth Century New Testament. How wonderful it is. It makes Jesus' work so very clear. The opposition which the Christ encountered was only the darkness of mortal mind. He faithfully and persistently met every obstacle of the claim of a selfhood apart from God. That *is* the way—the only way.

Mrs. Eddy was absolutely and fully inspired! How unaccountable in any other way is the absoluteness of her statements. I find that the definitions of Shem and Japhet, sons of Noah, attribute much light to them, or rather our Leader discerned there links in the chain of scientific being which must have required the eagle eye of spiritual sense to perceive.

The more I work on the "chain," the more I see that the *true* man is the *only* man, and that by contemplating this, using faith as sight, we will gradually find that the mortal is swallowed up of the immortal—the shadow is not, for light is infinite, universal and in light is no darkness at all.

In II Corinthians iv. 6, the Twentieth Century New Testament reads, "Indeed, the same God who said 'Out of darkness light shall shine,' has shone in upon our hearts, so that we should bring out into the light the knowledge of the glory of God, seen in the face of Christ." That is the only way it is *seen*. Anything that is *seen* by a true sense *is* man, is Christ. The light is manifestation and so must be idea—Principle demonstrated, Soul *expressed*. John bore witness to the Light—to the Christ—the image of Love, Life, Truth, or triune Principle.

Your letter has just come. Not one argument or suggestion from erroneous belief—claim—can reach you. Nothing but good can find you. You are strong to stand for you are panoplied in love which is substance.

You cannot fear; you are built on the Rock. Your true self is the only consciousness you have.

Do not strain in any effort for realization of the great spiritual fact. You can rest in His love. You need the quiet after the seeming responsibility and the drain

of being in the atmosphere of those who do not know
My. 357 that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

Be sure, dear heart, of the ability of mental might to overcome human illusions.

I shall write you as soon as I reach New York.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 26, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Not for a moment do I, or did I, feel that you were without immediate access to the omnipotent Mind, the eternal Principle of all true being.

Your voice came full and clear "yes, I know I am all right."

Remember that you are following the *Light* and
John 8:12 "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Think how different a road is that is traveled by *Day*, from what it is when darkness envelopes it! Rugged and uneven, the crooked turns, the crossroads with their sign-posts, all are clearly seen. Then think of the scenery all along the route; the sky, yes, the clouds even; the distant hills, which at night were but dark lines against the less dark sky, are now seen in the light in their true values. Many seeming pitfalls are found to have been merely deep shadows which the light proves to be *nothing*. Then think, dear, of the fellow travelers the Day reveals. We see their *light* illumined faces. We can point out to each other the flowers by the way, though we may not tarry to gather them—indeed we do not wish to, for each step brings to view a new flower, a fresh bloom. Sometimes the road winds up a steep

and narrow way; but oh the views when one comes out onto the edge of the mountain! We know some of these outlooks, do we not?

Jesus was constantly going up into a mountain. Whenever he saw a "multitude" he at once ascended, rose in thought, to see ideas instead of beliefs. He then called his disciples to him and taught them from his exalted thought.

The lesson this week brings out the Christ idea, and takes little or no account of the finite personality showing it to be merely the material accompaniment.

I have gotten much from the lesson. It is a good working one, giving many weapons to use against false claims.

Much love, dear one, always.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August, 1915.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your letter. It is nice to think of you three girls together. Three years ago Miss C—— and I drove through Shawnee. It is a beautiful country.

Certainly last week's lesson cleared the ground well for this beautiful one on Soul. Is not the summing up wonderful? "Eternity is God's measurement of Soul-filled years." We have but to live in Soul—forsake material sense—to be in eternity. Time is a mortal thought. An immortal thought is eternity. What endless gratitude we owe our beloved Leader! She has shown us that "time is no part of eternity."

S. & H. 599

S. & H. 468

Eternity is true consciousness, and time is only a false consciousness, an untrue sense. This is becoming very clear. Space, which seems to be occupied with false or material phenomena, will also be seen to be a false
S. & H. 468 presentation of mind. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." Principle, operating through and by idea, is dispelling both time and space. God is All and is I AM. All is here; *there* is becoming to us simply an amplified sense of *here*, for infinity has its centre and circumference everywhere. In fact, it is dawning upon our thought that everything is present to Mind: the *Christ* is the *same* yesterday, today and forever.

This is made so clear in the lesson, particularly in the last section.

Our blessed teacher, by her constant communion with the source of all life, and by her acting in accordance with the prompting of Truth and Love—the motive-powers of man—is embodying the qualities of infinite Mind, and thus putting on immortality.

Of late, I have been studying Jesus, his words and acts. He is the Wayshower. Every phase of human existence came before him. It is instructive and helpful to see how he dealt with each one. Science and Health has unlocked this storehouse of infinite wealth, health, and happiness. We can use this Key, each one of us. It then remains for us to *appropriate* the treasures; to make them our own. All is contained
My. 160 in the Principle, but we must "individualize infinite power." This our Leader says "is Christian Science."

Miss C—— joins me in love to each one and to all.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 16, 1915.

DEAR ——:

I wanted you to have this letter today, and indeed, you will; its every thought reaches you immediately; only the material accompaniment has the limitation of *time.*

How true it is that "Time is a mortal thought, the divisor of which is the solar year." Time can circumscribe only that which is material and mortal. *Now* is not *time:* "now is the day of salvation," in which is no sense of time. All that is real is ever and eternally present, is always *now.* There is no delay, no waiting, in Truth. It is never past, never future, ever *here.* All-knowing Mind does not remember, nor recall, but *knows.* Everything is present to infinite Mind. All that is real—the kingdom of God—is within us. We comprehend this when we admit, or claim, no other than the one Mind, the infinite I AM.

S. & H. 598

II Cor. 6:2

Is it not remarkable that in all languages the verb *to be* is irregular, is in fact made up of essentially different roots? But must this not be the human, erring sense of being? It cannot be the true Word, the Logos, or verbum.

Did you ever realize that the *verb* is the *life* of every sentence? It either expresses action or a state of being, in fact action is only a state of *being.* In the Greek testament Logos is used where our translation of John has *Word.* The Latin version has *verbum.* The whole first four verses may be condensed into the one *Word;* and, indeed, these verses are but a paraphase, an amplification, of the Word. The *Word* is *Life.* It is the I AM—ever-present Mind, with its expressed Idea, or Christ.

We have Scriptural authority for the unchanging nature of Truth, expressed Mind, for there we read of
Heb. 13:8 "Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." This is the same as saying, in Truth there is no yesterday, today, and forever, in the sense of *time*, for Christ is manifest, infinite Mind, or omniscience. Certainly, everything is comprehended by and in the all-inclusive intelligence.

There are, in the Bible, so many passages that illustrate Jesus' understanding of the eternal present. When he walked on the water, and his disciples received
John 6:21 him into the boat, "immediately the ship was at the
8:58 land whither they went." Jesus said: "Before Abraham was I am." This saying of Jesus always gives me a substantial sense of existence as eternal, and totally apart from any temporal estate, or condition. Jesus declared, "I am" when the Jews were urging the limit of years as an obstacle to his ability to accomplish a certain thing. Jesus recognized no such thing as age. He denied both birth and death, as having any occur-
John 2:4 rence. He said to Mary, "Woman, what have I to do with thee?" thus denying his birth. Again when the Jews tried to confuse him, by asserting the death of
Luke 20:38 Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, he said, "all live unto him." Now God is Mind, and the fundamental quality of Mind is intelligence, therefore to true intelligence *all* live.

So, dearly Beloved, there is eternal unity in Mind. Our textbook says that heaven is the atmosphere of Soul. Let us breathe and exhale this atmosphere, then we shall have overcome the limitations of time and place, which are imposed only by false sense.

God is good to His children. Do you know what that *really* means? It means, that Life, Truth, Love, the

Principle of all creation, produces harmony and bliss wherever it is exercised or demonstrated. Now you are idea; you are one with Life, Truth, Love. Let this Principle be God to you. Let Truth and Love be your only motive-power. Think only as Truth moves you. Let only Love open your lips; let only Life be exemplified in your activity! My earnest, deepest prayers are for your spiritual advancement. I am seeking more ardently the spiritual power. I am daily putting away more of the flesh, more of the false self, so that there may not be so thick a human cloud to hide my true identity, as God's reflection.

Give much love to all your household from me. It is a consciousness that in my thought is high and lifted up, built on an hill where its light burns with a steady glow, illuming the surrounding country.

You, God's child, the offspring of Spirit, moved and impelled by Principle, never by material impulse, stand at the head, directing the affairs of your household. Beloved, no evil can enter those blessed precincts. No envy, no jealousy, no hypocrisy, no pride, no rivalry, no falsity—nothing that worketh abomination or maketh a lie—can dwell there, or even enter. The Love which is God shall be manifested by every child, man and woman, who shall be drawn there by your Christ thought, as it is elevated above the errors of mortal mind. We must *know* and *demonstrate* that there is no mortal mind. Let the Love which you reflect in love be a rod to all error, and a staff to every dawning hope of good.

May Truth put into your hand Her own two-edged sword that you may quickly discern between good and evil, between spirit and flesh, between fact and fable, between the real and the unreal.

I am sending you a pamphlet, "Carnivorous and Predatory Living," which states many things very clearly. I know that you will approve of it, of trying to put away not only the phenomena of the animal, but the qualities which thus externalize themselves.

Dear, dear, what a long letter! Forgive me, dear heart. But you know when I write to you my pen just runs along.

Love, love, love and always Love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 26, 1915.

DEAR ——:[1]

Tonight, I cannot retire till I have written you somewhat of that which is in my thought.

John 1:9 In the first chapter of John, we read of "the true light, which lighteth every man."

S. & H. 510 Our textbook says: "Light is a symbol of Mind, of Life, Truth, and Love and not a vitalizing property of matter."

A ray of light contains all colors. Pure light, however, is white. It must be analyzed, broken up by a prism, in order to see its component colors. We know that the color is not in the object, but in the light which the object reflects. I like to think of the jewels, and the color, or light, which they reflect: the ruby reflects the crimson, the sapphire blue, the emerald green, and so on. The diamond is, to me, the most beautiful, in type because it reflects *all;* it is therefore pure white, like our Lord's vestments, on the Mount of Trans-

[1] This letter is in reference to a disagreement over the ownership of a diamond ring.

figuration. "His raiment was white and glistering." He reflected *all;* absorbed, held back, none of the light, obtained from Principle, his Life. Black reflects no light, and is therefore no color. Luke 9:29

Now, the source of this "true light" is *Light*, the great Sun of Righteousness. We are its rays. All the rays together form the Christ, or *full* reflection, from which no ray is missing.

John, in speaking of the holy Jerusalem, says: "her light was like unto a *stone most precious*, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal." This jasper stone means the diamond which is here used to express the thought of the entire universe of God's creation, the full radiance, or reflection, of Light, or Mind. This "stone most precious" best symbolizes Love, because Love comprises *all* spiritual qualities. Rev. 21:11

Do you not see, dear one, that what is really in question is *not* a poor *counterfeit* jewel, or material bauble? No, no! The jewel that error would take from your conscious possession is the ability to see your sister as one of the rays of that great Sun of Righteousness; as one of the ideas of infinite Mind; as one of the members of Christ. Were it possible for error to do this the pure light of Truth would not be reflected by your thought. It is only by this pure light that you can behold your sister. Otherwise you would only see a distorted, counterfeit belief, an imitation foisted upon you by false aggressive mental suggestion. We *know* that error can not do this. Stand steadfast in Truth, and do not let the dragon, corporeal sense, deceive you, by insinuating one of its suppositional members into the place, in your thought, which belongs to, and is really occupied by God's idea. You are brave and true. You will not let error deprive you of the "well done"

which is laid up for each one of us, after every victory over the enemy of good, namely malicious animal magnetism.

So much comes to me in connection with John's spiritual sense of heaven and earth. "There shall be [is] no night there." How could there be lack, or absence of light, in a consciousness "like unto a stone most precious, even a jasper stone [diamond], clear as crystal"? Love is the same consciousness. Our Leader says that love is the kingdom of heaven.

Rev. 21:25

I know that when this divine love has driven, melted out, all bitterness, all resentment, all egotism, all self-righteousness, you, and I, and all will need no jewels, for our whole consciousness, the heaven and earth and all that they contain, will be "like unto a stone most precious, even a jasper stone, clear as crystal."

I Cor. 13:4-7

"Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, *seeketh not her own*, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things [good], endureth all things. Love never faileth."

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September, 1915.

DEAR ——:

The evidence and symbol of your love, gratitude and self-denial came to me as a benediction.

I am writing to you both, for I know it is an expression of your united love.

You cannot want for it. It will bring you in an hundred fold. You have sent forth a thought of selfless recognition of Truth's power. It will bear you a bountiful

harvest, even the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace.

Yes, I hope that you will both get to town sometime during the winter. There are to be two or three receptions and you must arrange your visits so as to be here to attend one of them at least.

I wish that you were near enough to come to my office, Monday evening, November first. I am going to have a few dear faithful seekers for Truth come in to give them a little lift and a uniting thought, after the summer scattering.

You must be finding the lessons very instructive, very helpful. You will grow in understanding as you put into practical operation what you already grasp. Remember always that you have divine authority, as God's child. Reckon yourselves always from the spiritual standpoint. Never allow aggressive mental suggestion to get in on you as self-pity, or self-depreciation, or discouragement. At once, turn on any such temptation and dismiss it instantly.

You are endowed with absolute self-direction when you acknowledge no other power than good, no other Mind than God, no presence but that of God's idea, spiritual man.

To you both I send love and am reflecting to you the Truth that makes free, free from all the illusions of material sense.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 4, 1915.

DEAR STUDENTS

Your love has come to me in the one reflection, and I send to you together this little word of acknowledgment.

We have journeyed many a league together, in the line of light, and shall continue even more closely united, for there is coming to each one of us a clearer understanding, and a fuller sense of the Adorable One, of whom we are individual members.

Many times you two dear ones have added cheer and comfort on the way. In this last gift, you have added not only to *my* comfort and pleasure, but to that of all those who are to come here, led to this little haven by the gentle, compelling hand of divine Love.

The words of our beloved Leader's hymn come to my thought and express my ardent desire,

Po. 13

My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me.

The consciousness here must ever more and more breathe the atmosphere of this prayer.

Dear A——, you will bring of your loving universal reflection in the service you will render to me and to all who enter this dear place. God is everywhere. Nothing else is anywhere. To so realize this one vital fact as to radiate, *be* that presence is the purpose of existence and is the reason for my having set apart these rooms to the service of God. Here must be revealed the kingdom of God. Here must the rule of the Christ be felt; and from here must each one go forth strengthened and encouraged for the furthering of the reign of universal peace.

This work was inaugurated by Jesus, revived by our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, and is being carried on and extended by our teacher, Mrs. Stetson, who unfalteringly holds aloft the true teaching of Mary Baker Eddy.

I shall know that wherever you two faithful witnesses may be, you are in the vineyard. You have beaten your swords into ploughshares and your spears into pruning hooks. You are no longer blindly fighting with carnal weapons, but are ploughing up your fallow ground, so that the precious seed of Truth may find a soil prepared and enriched. You unflinchingly use the pruning hook on your own false beliefs instead of piercing the heart and hand of some loved one, by your own thorns and briers which the ground of mortal mind compels to shoot forth.

God bless you both, earnest workers in the Truth. You are a joy and crown to me to whom God so tenderly led you.

The dream is fading out. We are awaking and shall be satisfied with the image of divine Mind. We are all members of this image or Christ, the one Man of God's creating.

To ever remember that there is no other than the Adorable One is to truly hallow His name who is All-in-all. We must maintain the clear, steadfast perception of *One*. We must resist every temptation to believe false testimony of many minds and many persons. In so doing we will follow the Master, the Leader, the teacher out of dream illusions into conscious at-one-ment with Life, Truth, Love.

My gratitude is unspeakable. You must come and enjoy with me your bounty.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR MRS. ——:

The ever-present divine Love is meeting your human need and is feeding the famished affections. The shadow seems dark, but the sunlight of Truth is even

now dispelling the cloud, and will gladden you with the warmth of its glory.

You have learned I know, during these trying weeks and months to detach your sense of the real individuality of your loved one from the fading human concept. You are looking to God as his life and true source of being. You are realizing the beauty of his character, and are beginning to see that his sterling qualities emanated from God who is Mind. As you rise into more conscious at-one-ment with the one Mind, you will come into a true understanding that your dear one is mental. His true God-given identity will finally destroy all that veiled him from your clear perception and you and he both shall know each other face to face, in the light of pure spiritual reflection.

Dear friend, turn from the dark cloud of personal sense which separates, and look straight into divine Life which unites us all in the one Mind, even the comprehension that there is no death, for God—Life—is infinite Truth. Remember the words of our great Master, "if a man keep my saying he shall never taste of death." Jesus spoke of himself as Christ, the immortal idea, the true sense of man. We must get this true Soul-sense of ourselves, even as Jesus did, and count ourselves members of the undying Christ.

John 8:52

The tender Father-Mother, Life-Love will heal your wounded sense, and bring you into the understanding of man as never born and never dying, even to that consciousness that reveals man in the image and likeness of immortal Good.

If you will permit me to do so, I should be glad to come to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

I have been out of town for a few days but am now here again at my post.

Yes, the pamphlets are wonderful, and most helpful. More and more is God's glory—His image and likeness —the only real man—penetrating the mist of mortal mentality. We are learning that the dream was never dreamed for there can be no dreamer, since "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" My. 357

I am delighted that R—— is obliged to *think*, for to think is to live. "Intelligence is omniscience, omnipresence, and omnipotence. It is the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind, of the triune Principle, —Life, Truth, and Love,—named God." When he learns to use intelligence, he will never find his lessons wearisome, for the more he utilizes intelligence, "the primal and eternal quality of infinite Mind," the more he will become conscious of *Life*, the more activity he will express. S. & H. 469

Principle is unvarying and as inflexible as a rod of iron. It never fails; it needs only to be understood and applied. We can trust this Principle of Life, as the mathematician trusts the principle of mathematics. We, like him, must understand and apply our Principle. Evil, error has no principle, no entity; do not then let a false sense argue nothingness to you. "I find that God is true, 'but every [mortal] man a liar.'" You do not believe a lie. Mind is the only creator; that Mind was in Christ Jesus and produced all the wonderful effects which mortal mentality calls miracles. This Mind is no respecter of persons but rewards all alike who operate it, and reflect any of its divine qualities. S. & H. 113

Be happy; be simple; obey only one God—Spir-

it—and you will realize your at-one-ment with God.

Love to each one and to all.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

While reading your letter, I was reminded of the following passage in *Science and Health:*

S. & H. 183

> Can the agriculturist, according to belief, produce a crop without sowing the seed and awaiting its germination according to the laws of nature? The answer is no, and yet the Scriptures inform us that sin, or error, first caused the condemnation of man to till the ground, and indicate that obedience to God will remove this necessity. Truth never made error necessary, nor devised a law to perpetuate error.

Now the important point to understand is this, what constitutes "obedience to God."

S. & H. 25 544

Our textbook says: "By his obedience to God, he [Jesus] demonstrated more spiritually than all others the Principle of being." And again "In God's creation ideas became productive, obedient to Mind." Mind is God, you are idea; then all your needs are met when you realize yourself *to be idea.* You are the expression of Soul. You must come into rapport with Soul, be expression.

Mind supplies all the elements composing or constituting idea. This is a fact, self-evident and immutable. To declare this fact, hold to it unswervingly, faithfully, persistently will bring out phenomena appreciable to your present apprehension. It is an unalterable

fact that Mind feeds, clothes, environs its idea. Rise to a conscious knowledge of this, and you will break the mesmerism of mortal mind, which presents a false claim against Mind and against idea. The whole question lies in the overcoming in the mental, the belief of the possibility or actuality of limitation in any direction. Man is "image" and "likeness"; he is "the full representation of Mind." He has no qualities underived from God. S. & H. 591

You must realize that the great God, Mind, is Love and is omnipotent. You, as image or likeness, expression, demonstration, effect, admit no other power, no other presence, no other effect than *love*. You are *loving*, if you are *image*. This consciousness of love casts out fear.

The elements of fear are hate, resentment, sensitiveness, jealousy, envy, suspicion, self-love, self-justification, etc. All these false, suppositional qualities build up the illusion of mortal existence, with its limitations and discords. Love is the liberator from this state of mesmerism. Love melts away the clouds of personal sense. Therefore, dear friend, love, love, love! Let your reflection of the infinite Love, the Principle of all creation, fill your thought, radiate and overflow, until you see every one and every thing through a divine concept. Mind is the creator. Mrs. Eddy says: "The time for thinkers has come." Then *be* a *thinker*, a reflector of Mind, not a dreamer of illusions. *Think* truth, life, love. Draw your power to think from God, good. Begin to base your thought on a spiritual foundation. Remember that the "substance of a thought, a seed, or a flower is God, the creator of it." A thought that has no love in it has no substance, then how can it produce? "Thoughts are things." There will be no

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trouble with things if the thoughts producing those things are of God, of Love, of Truth.

The divine Mind, which created all in and of good, gives to you, His child, idea or thought, infinite wisdom, intelligence and power to act.

I know that no claim to hypnotism, nor mesmerism, nor animal magnetism can dull your perception of this glorious Truth. You cannot be deafened by the arguments of mortal mentality. You are guided by Truth and Love; nothing else can or does affect you in the least. Declare this for yourself. Mentally cut yourself off from any suppositional influence opposed to
Man. 40 God. Know that you *are* "delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced erroneously."

Man is self-governed when he reflects God's government. Claim this reflection. Handle the serpent, human will. Remember how Jesus prayed that the Spirit, not the flesh, might be represented in him.

Study the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah, particularly the 10th and 11th verses. You will see there that God clothes you, in clothing Himself, for you are a member of His body, of His Christ.

As you grow in your understanding of this statement of Isaiah's, you will begin to reckon yourself spiritual, and cease to estimate from a material basis.

Love is ever with you, guiding, guarding, governing.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

I shall endeavor to answer categorically each question contained in the letter you sent me but you and I know that the eyes of the understanding must be opened

by God in order for the Science of Christ to be perceived.

As to the questions:

Ques. 1. Does Christian Science satisfy you in regard to its theory of life; what it consists of, leads to, and ends in?

Ans. 1. Christian Science teaches that *God* is Life; this life is constituted of immutable, immortal qualities such as truth, goodness, justice, mercy, love, harmony and so on. Life leads to Life for it is infinite and is Truth which is unchanging. Life never ends for it has no element antagonistic to Being.

Ques. 2. What are your views of Christian Science as a religion?

Ans. 2. Religion means that which binds man to God or that which elucidates man's relation to God.

God is Principle, is Cause, creator. The knowledge of God must be Science or demonstrable truth. The word Christ signifies the anointed or inspired of Spirit. It is evident that no knowledge of God, Spirit, can be gained by a material, so-called sense for no physical eye nor ear nor any other physical organ can apprehend Mind, Spirit. Therefore the Science which treats of God and Man's relation to Him must be Christ Science, or that knowledge which is acquired by an anointed or spiritual sense. Jesus was highly endowed with this Christ sense, the spirit was given unto him without measure, therefore he is designated as *Christ* Jesus. He established his religion on the understanding of God for he said: "This is life eternal, that they might *know* thee the only true God, and Jesus *Christ*, whom thou hast sent." When Peter discerned this and exclaimed: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus said to him: "flesh and blood hath not revealed it

John 17:3

Matt. 16:16 17 unto thee, but my Father [divine Mind, Soul] which is in heaven [which is God]."

Ques. 3. Which do you employ, the will or the mind when you are "working" as you term it?

Ans. 3. It is most important to have a clear understanding of terms used in Christian Science. In the textbook of Christian Science, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, you will find this S. & H. 256 definition of Mind: "Infinite Mind is the creator, and creation is the infinite image or idea emanating from this Mind. If Mind is within and without all things, then all is Mind; and this definition is scientific." Scientific means in accord with Science—the knowledge of God S. & H. 469 through spiritual or exact understanding. "The exterminator of error is the great truth that God, good, is the *only* Mind, and that the supposititious opposite of infinite Mind—called *devil* or evil—is not Mind, is not Truth, but error, without intelligence or reality. There can be but one Mind, because there is but one God; and if mortals claimed no other Mind and accepted no S. & H. 470 other, sin would be unknown." "The supposed existence of more than one mind was the basic error of Phil. 2:5 idolatry." Paul says: "Let this mind be in you, which Rom. 8:7 was also in Christ Jesus." "The carnal mind is enmity against God." In this connection *Science and Health* S. & H. 151 says: "The human mind is opposed to God and must be put off, as St. Paul declares. All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea, and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal." Jesus overcame the false mind or mortal mentality, the fleshly or carnal mind, and so proved himself to be the Son of God, the effect, idea, offspring of pure Mind. In the same way we must distinguish between the divine will and the erroneous claim called human will. "When

the human element in him struggled with the divine, our great Teacher said: 'Not my will, but Thine, be done!'—that is, Let not the flesh, but the Spirit, be represented in me." S. & H. 33

Thus we see that neither the human mind nor the human will is called into requisition for the healing; on the contrary both must be silenced in order that the divine Mind may have control and drive out of the thought the false conditions induced by false mentality.

Ques. 4. Can one know and not believe, or is belief determined by faith?

Ans. 4. Divine Mind does not believe; it knows. In Science we go a point beyond faith and *understand.* Using the *intelligence* of *Mind* we *understand* that God created man in His own image and gave him dominion over all things; that man is perfect and not subject to disease and death. This understanding puts to flight the *educated beliefs* of corporeal sense, and mortals experience relief from their self-imposed sufferings.

Ques. 5. What do you mean by the expression "working in Science"?

Ans. 5. Paul says: "work out your own salvation . . . For it is God which worketh in you." Jesus said: "The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." Paul implies that this was the divine Mind, and exhorts us to "let that Mind be in us." To "work" then is to think with that Mind which is God; to declare that God is all, is present, is omnipotent, is the only consciousness. We must refuse to credit as true the testimony of material sense, and refute it, with the evidence of spiritual sense. We are engaged in a mental conflict, and must bring to bear upon the discordant conditions which are the outcome of erroneous thought, the operation of pure, spiritual thought-force. Phil. 2:12, 13 John 14:10

I am enclosing a pamphlet written by my teacher in Christian Science, Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson. By a careful reading of this, your friend will, I am sure, gain an insight into the premise of Christian Science.

I urge upon your friend, however, a careful and persistent study of the works of Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered the Principle and rule of the Science of Mind, and has been enabled by that same Mind, to formulate this Science, so as to be able to transcribe it, for the education and liberation of all mankind, from every ill that flesh is heir to.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BELOVED STUDENT:

The white roses brought to me a sense of joy and peace that has pervaded my thought ever since I saw them.

Let them be an eternal evidence to us of the purity of divine Love, that love which unites us in the bonds of Christ.

Teacher and student is a human experience but it foreshadows that relationship of perfect understanding where all are taught of God.

Tonight we are to be cemented into a higher apprehension of Truth than we have as yet realized.

May the one Mind be demonstrated as ruling, controlling and energizing so as to appear to us as Love reflected in love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BELOVED:

Do you remember that Saturday morning we were talking somewhat lightly of the prevailing style in

woman's dress? There was an undertone of seriousness with both of us, but the crowded thoroughfare gave no opportunity for bringing out clearly the thoughts that were forming themselves into words on my lips. The rapid succession of fleeting, human concepts disconcerted me and I did not continue the discussion, but left it at a point that, I am sure, satisfied neither of us. I was conscious that I had not at all conveyed to you what I meant, so tonight, I am going to try to put down a few ideas that have been coming to me.

The Apostle says: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be." We are also told that God made man "in his own image." Mrs. Eddy says: "With a single command, Mind had made man, both male and female." I John 3:2 S. & H. 524

The distorted "moving pictures" that we now behold are surely *not* "what we shall be." Of this we all are perfectly convinced. Furthermore, we know that "if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we *have* . . . an house [a body] not made with hands," not fashioned by a false sense, but molded by pure Mind. This perfect "image" is clothed with majesty and glory; "her clothing is of wrought gold"; because she "is all glorious within." We cannot form any adequate conception of the beauty of our real selves, of the dignity, royalty and radiance of our Christ membership. We know not "what we shall be" but we do know that it will be "altogether lovely." II Cor. 5:1 Ps. 45:13

Now, anything that hides, or inverts, this "beauty of holiness" cannot but be reprehensible and unworthy of man. No element or condition of the flesh veil can be beautiful, or anything but discordant, to the eye rendered sensitive by the operation of Spirit. I Chron. 16:29

Again, all transitions must be impelled by a growing dissatisfaction with the false image, and a desire to bring about a change of some sort. It seems to me that this constant change is better than a settled belief, a stolid, unmoving concept, such as obtains in the far East, and is seen even here in the uniform character of the masculine attire.

Let the changes come and break up the human concept. In the meantime, let *us know* that the divine
S. & H. 509 nature must "appear in man and the universe never to disappear." Let us turn constantly to the true model in Mind, so that we may reflect into universal consciousness the thoughts that will bring out better and better
S. & H. 442 beliefs, until "belief melts into spiritual understanding, and sin, disease, and death disappear." Let us so radiate the light of Light that the "clouds of sense roll back and show the form divinely fair."

Never mind if the dream shadows seem to assume outrageous forms; much of the vagary and vanity of mortal mentality must yet spring up and pass, before
Matt. 6:28, 29 we can behold "the lilies of the field" whom "Solomon in all his glory" could not equal.

Let us refuse to contemplate the "beast," the false concept. Let us strive continually to penetrate the mist and not again have it recorded, when the ideal
Acts 1:9 man is demonstrated, that, "a cloud received him out of their sight."

The physical sense of freedom must yield to a spiritual
Rom. 8:21 sense which is the expression of the "liberty of the children of God." This liberty is the freedom from all bondage of limited thought and contracted views; the emancipation from ignorance of every degree, and from every sort of fear and superstition, false teaching or hereditary prejudice; the release from all narrowness

of creed, or bias of nationality, race, class and sex. These trammels have fettered our free limbs; this condition of *thought* is exemplified in the restricted gait of the woman of the day. But, is it not that woman has become *conscious* of her bondage and therefore it appears? She is on the road to emancipation, and the first stage of progress is the bringing into ocular view her mental condition of bondage. Adam must accord to Eve all his vaunted prerogatives, and share equally with her all that he has arrogated to himself. But we are looking for a higher liberty than that which Adam can either give or withhold for, although, incidentally we shall find that mortal woman will walk side by side with mortal man, in the dream of mortal existence, still we must not be deceived by this dream, nor flattered by its empty honors.

Those of us who are free from many of the traditional burdens of womankind may rejoice that, through a merciful Providence, we have been protected, we hardly know how, or wherefore. Complete emancipation, however, is a freedom from all physicality, appetites, motion or sensation. Then shall we enjoy that stationary stillness which is the consciousness involving all effect, because it is the reflection of the one and only Cause—Life, Truth, Love. As we rise into this sense of ourselves and of all things as spiritual mental, our sense of substance will not be material, for it will no longer involve error. We shall understand and see thought "in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments." To a true sense, matter and its conditions are not tangible, for true sense cognizes only true *things* and these things are substantial, or in other words, are spiritual *not* material. S. & H. 310

It is evident from this that our standards of form,

outline and color must undergo many changes, until the old man is put off, and the new man is put on; then we shall be delivered from "the body of this death"—from the form, outline and color of mortal thoughts.

Rom. 7:24

S. & H. 323

"Beholding the infinite tasks of truth, we pause,—wait on God. Then we push onward, until boundless thought walks enraptured, and conception unconfined is winged to reach the divine glory." We shall behold man in the reality of his being—the image and likeness of Love.

Dear, these few little thoughts are hardly clothed at all but will you take them in? Perhaps they will prove to you their divine origin and your love will give them more fitting expression.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

QUEBEC.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was awaiting me. I rejoice in the demonstration of the fact that Mind supports and maintains its idea. You are mental. The only thought-force is divine Mind. Life, Truth, Love is Principle, the substance and reality of all. You are a demonstrator of Principle. You live, move and have your being in God for "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter."

S. & H. 468

Your telegram came about a half hour ago. I immediately declared the truth for you and know that you are receiving the message of salvation.

I shall spend the morning in my room, studying and reflecting Truth.

Error is powerless. You can stand firm in your place

while the word of God is being fulfilled—"I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: . . . until he come whose right it is." Let the Christ have the kingdom. Let the Truth reign. Nothing can withstand the imperative demand of Spirit. You cannot, do not believe either in the pleasure or pain of false sense, for you know that there is no false sense. There is no poison thought; *thought* is divine. Denounce, repudiate the claim that there is any existence apart from good. I declare *now* that you are cut off from the dragon—carnal mentality and its claim to person. Ez. 21:27

I am sending you a telegram. You are in your right place, in divine Mind. Only Love and Truth can move you. Error cannot hold you in a false sense of place. You are mental and Mind moves you.

Now "get thee up into the high mountain." Love to you all. Isa. 40:9

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BOSTON, MASS.

DEAR ——:

Your telegram was handed to me just as I was leaving the Kineo House.

I have worked for you all day from time to time and have had good realization. Keep close to God. I know you are. But keep restful in *thought*. What can flesh do unto you? You are not that lie. Keep your thought clear and let the belief chemicalize to a better base.

You are safe. You have come to your right place. The errors of fear and expediency and the poisons of malpractice are all illusions and powerless to deceive you or make you suffer.

Have M—— read Reminiscences, Sermons, and Cor-

respondence to you so that you may both be gathered closely in the one flock with our teacher.

The lesson this week is a great help. Mind is your sure Deliverer.

Remember that discord is a false mental and is not in organs. Poisons are false beliefs not conditions of matter. They *can* be overcome by Truth for they are error—unreal, untrue.

Love to you both.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.

DEAR——:

Act. 2:1 II Cor. 6:2 I John 3:2 I Cor. 15:20

The pentecostal blessing is ours when, like the apostles, we are "all with one accord in one place." "Now is the accepted time." "Now are we the sons of God." "Now is Christ risen." Now is Truth understood. *Now* are you awake to the truth of being.

Last night I tried to make telephone connection but found that you had only local service. I then had a messenger sent to you this morning and am now waiting to talk with one of the girls. All this is unnecessary for I *know* that we all live, move and have our being in Mind, in Truth, Life, Love. The communication is always from God to man, and is immediate—the response instantaneous.

We must, we *can* rise to the understanding that Life is supreme; that there is no mortal existence with its phases of birth, growth, maturity, decay. Wake up to *know* Truth. Nothing can cloud you. You are surrounded by faithful witnesses. You stand in the light. There is no *darkness*. You are immortal, no shadow of fear can touch you. Love is omnipotent.

You cannot weary of the struggle. You are faithful and can hold on while the errors of sense are being destroyed. The "gentle presence, peace and joy and power" of divine Love and Her love are with you every moment. This love purifies, strengthens, uplifts you and the dear girls. Po. 4

I am watching with you and know that the tender Father-Mother-God is ever-present and omnipotent. Much love to you all four.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was forwarded to me. I had expected to return to New York last Tuesday but have been detained here by my Father's business.

You are taking the right course about the home, I feel sure. Yes, your home, your dwelling, your abiding place, is in Mind. Seek it in Mind, that is, keep in Mind and you will find yourself at home.

You are now enriching your thought. From this purer, richer consciousness, you will evolve better environment. Remember that you live, move and have your being in God, as a member of His body, as a manifestation of infinite Mind, not of finite mentality.

I rejoice greatly that you are hungering for the Word and are feeding the Christ with beautiful images of thought. What do we care if a false claim *calling* itself body imitates the spiritual action by a counterfeit belief called material food. Truth in its own unsought way will take care of all that, and when every "lesser call" has been obeyed "in the growth of Christian character" Truth will sound the last trump. *Then* will S. & H. 291

S. & H. 310 thought "be understood and seen in all form, substance, and color, but without material accompaniments." There will be no attending qualities of mortal mind which manifest a false sense of substance capable of discord and decay.

The lesson this week shows forth clearly the *Christ* Jesus—the immortal idea. We must *appear* in like manner; use the same method; claim the same liberty; be governed by the same law; and perform the same works.

How glorious that we have this light of Life thrown so clearly on the road. We shall not walk in darkness. We can see the signposts; we can recognize our fellow travellers. Best of all, we can follow our Leader for we see her footprints as she has climbed before us the steep ascent of Science.

Be happy. Be free. Use your liberty to shine!

Much love to all.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.

DEAR ——:

The conviction is so strong with me that there is but one Power—the triune Principle, Life, Truth, Love which is Mind—that I know you cannot think other than as this Mind directs. You are mental. Love only thinks or has life. You *cannot* fear. You *are* well! Man can have no disease. Where there is no fear there can be no fever. Now you do not fear. S. & H. 248 You love and are the object of Love. "Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon its object." You partake of the nature of Love. You cannot, do not, believe in any self-existence apart from God, all

good. I shall continue to reflect to you the healing comfort of divine Love. Never for an instant let go of the glory of victory. Pray the prayer of Jesus. "Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." John 17:5 You are inseparable from God. You are a member of Christ, who is the glory. There is no Adam-eve-serpent-dragon-belief. God is *All.* "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" My. 357 These words came from our divinely inspired Leader and are substance.

Wake up this instant to a true consciousness!

I know that you have already responded. That you hear the voice of truth, the idea of Truth. There are no periods of error. We are now in eternity. There is no night, no darkness, no absence of Love for Love *is* presence.

Be happy. You are free. Love, love to you all four.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

January 11, 1916.

DEAR ——:

Yesterday noon, when I was quietly reflecting the light of spiritual understanding, that the dark shadow might be lifted from consciousness, a clear realization of identity, as the reflection of Soul, not as corporeal belief, came to me. I *knew* that A—— was, is, and always will be manifest as idea; that she is individual but not material. She is continuing the work of putting off the old man, or the fleshly mind which has always manifested itself as the fleshly body. Her love will continue to bless you always, and in ever increasing measure, as the false sense of life yields to "a spiritual

S. & H. 326 sense, which is always right." Let your love go out to her; it will light the way for her, encourage and cheer her as it has always done. We are mental beings, united by spiritual thought—by love. You have lost forever your *human* concept, but as you grow in spiritual understanding and grace, you will perceive God's immortal idea, A——'s true individuality. This divine image can never be effaced; it will dawn on your perception, and when thoroughly understood will be *seen* in all form, outline, color and substance. This true self was never born and can never die. The mortal sense errs when it presents to us a concept which appears to have beginning and end. Oh, the cruel despotism of the Adam dream! We must break it. Dear E——, let the tender, divine Love comfort your wounded S. & H. 266 sense. The "seeming vacuum is already filled with divine Love." This Love is not deprived of its object, S. & H. 248 "Its halo rests upon its object."

S. & H. 495 In this hour of seeming separation, "cling steadfastly to God and His idea." Then mortal concepts will lose their substantiality to you, and the true sense of substance, as mind, will reveal to you its tangible objects.

We must deny death. We must rise in great indignation against the lie of material generation, in all its degrees.

Isa. 45:18 We are *now* in heaven. We are now occupying the earth that God, divine Love, "formed . . . to be inhabited." The mortal sense of appearing and disappearing is *false*. We must *know* this, and turn with such absorbed sense of Truth and Life and Love to this triune Principle of being, that we will forever forget the human concept, and so *let* the image and likeness of *good* appear to us in man, woman, bird, beast, tree and every object of true conception.

The way to accomplish this is to follow Jesus step by step, in his demonstration of *immortal* existence here, and now. Science and Health gives us the Key wherewith to unlock this demonstration, in all its exact science. Our great Leader has given us, in the scientific statement of being, an absolute rule, which enables us to accomplish salvation.

My love is with you, beloved, and always is.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 20, 1916.

DEAR MR.——:

It is my great privilege, as a Christian Scientist, and as your fellow student, to write you any word that the divine Love will give me to say to you, in this hour of your exaltation.

You have found "grace to help in time of need," from your own understanding and realization of the divine Principle—Love and Life. You are proving this Principle to be Truth, because you feel its substance, in the support it gives you, in this crucifixion hour. You are looking for comfort where alone it can be found—in the increasing understanding of Life. Heb. 4:16

I am writing to you because I want to encourage you in the noble battle you are fighting against the cruel evidence of material sense. You are refuting the charges, made by mortal mind, against your dear one, that she was ever subject to "birth, growth, maturity, decay." You are fixing your eye on the reality supernal; you have anchored your hope, beyond the veil of matter, in the very Shekinah of God's presence; you are looking to Principle to so fill your thought with Truth and Love, S. & H. 305

that Spirit may outline for you the divine image and likeness. With steadfast adherence to Principle, you will discern its *idea*.

I know that you are surrounded by loving friends who are good Christian Scientists, faithful followers of our beloved Leader and loyal students of her loyal student and follower, our teacher, Mrs. Stetson.

Thus encouraged and sustained, you will not fail to pierce the dark cloud of sorrow and loneliness. The desert, under the sunshine of Truth, is seen to blossom with the radiance of God's smile.

The gracious influence of the real presence of your loved wife, as idea, will refresh your wounded sense, and lift you to higher realization and more enduring joy.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 10, 1916.

DEAR ——:

S. & H. 248 "Love never loses sight of loveliness. Its halo rests upon its object." So says our blessed Leader. Then just fill your thought with this divine ever-present Love

S. & H. 266 and you will realize that the "seeming vacuum is already filled." Your dear friend is right where she has always been. As love has heretofore revealed to you many of the Christ qualities, so will it continue to unfold to you this Christ in its fullness until all false concepts shall be dissolved in mortal mentality, and you will *see* face to face, in the light of perfect Love reflected in love.

You know that you have but lost an externalized human thought. Now, dear child, be brave, and let the tender but imperative Principle so operate in your thought, that the human concept, held in the inner

thought, may yield. Give up the ghost of material belief, and let Spirit outline its own pure idea which has never been dependent on matter for manifestation or support.

At such testing times as you are now experiencing, the scientific statement of being is a staff to lean upon and a rod to every human clinging.

I know that you are strong, clear, free.

I shall continue to reflect to you of that understanding which has come to us through the mighty overcomings of our Master, of our Leader, of our teacher.

With unmeasured love,

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 16, 1916.

MY DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

Your beautiful tribute to Love's reflection gladdens me. I turn in grateful acknowledgment to our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, to our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, to our Lord and Master, Christ Jesus. They, with us and with all, are members of the image of Mind. Indeed every object is an individual member of this one infinite Person—God. We can never see the Principle or Soul of Christ, but we can, shall, see through spiritual sense, this Christ, or divine image.

The current lesson will bring to us a clearer sense, yea, a wider vision of Reality, the manifest God. Material sense cannot obscure this vision; the light of ever-present Love does illumine all space and reveal to our intelligent apprehension real objects, eternal verities—God's thoughts, good thoughts—in the place of erring concepts, inverted images.

Dear, the five gold pieces symbolized, as I knew you

intended they should, the five smooth pebbles which you had gathered from the flowing stream of thought, as it issued from "the throne of God and of the Lamb." We can admit as real no other source, no other Mind, from which can be formed any phenomenon.

Rev. 22:1

I have thought much this week of David and his encounter with Goliath.

David was unaccustomed to the materialistic way of meeting error with error. After Saul had thoroughly equipped him in the cumbersome armor of mortal thought, David found himself so weighted that he could not proceed; these material methods were unknown to him, he had ever been accustomed to use the weapons which his shepherd life had taught him. Turning from the shackles forged by fear and false trust, he goes to the channel of pure Mind and gathers the smooth, well-used stones of true thought.

How clearly we see here what David's natural trend of thought is! He turns instinctively to what he has always used in time of need. These smooth pebbles of thought, polished by the constant action of Mind, lie perfectly balanced in his sling. His thought goes unerringly to the very center of the claim of intelligence in matter. There is no hesitation, no evidence of vainglory or pride. There is the simple confidence in the power of his well-used spiritual weapon—thought—smooth, rounded, polished by constant and skillful use and application.

In moments of test, may we as instinctively, as unhesitatingly, as unfailingly, find the jewels of spiritual thought, in the stream issuing unceasingly from the source of all intelligence.

We, like David, must slay the carnal lion of animal courage, so that the true concept of *moral* courage,

"the Lion of the tribe of Juda," may be revealed to us, as a member of the true kingdom. A sharp stone from our sling must have destroyed the bear of heavy, ponderous, material belief, before we are prepared to meet the Goliath of human pretence and impudence, which challenges divine intelligence, only to its own destruction. Rev. 5:5

Thank you, dear heart, for your loyal, faithful adherence to Principle—Life, Truth, Love; for your obedient, trustful following of our beloved Leader; for the intelligent, loving reception into your thought of our teacher's spiritual interpretation of the words of Life, uttered by Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy; for your unfailing recognition of me as their loyal disciple and as a demonstrator of the power of idea to reflect the divine glory.

You can never doubt my love. It has been proven to you forever. I am grateful for so loyal, so faithful, so loving a student, and for your unceasing expression of the substance "which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay." This same substance-truth I send you now and always. S. & H. 468

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

Involuntarily, I reach out for the larger sheet of paper, although there is no particular reason for writing you, today. It is just the same ever new theme of Life and Truth and Love. But how infinitely varied are the ideas of this all-inclusive Principle! What a joy there is in the thought that Mind inspires! So much is coming to me, every day, of the substance of true thought.

It is growing so clear that when we *think* rightly; that is when we think with Mind, *then* is God present, for *Mind* is *God*. We can never be separated from God, for when we *think*, *there* is our Principle. This Principle is omnipotent. This Principle is Love. So when we are thinking, we are loving. Mind is Life, so when we *think* we *live*. Oh, Beloved, let us *live*. Let us not sleep nor dream, but live, move and *have* our being, which is in Him, the only Life. Fearing, doubting, hating, envying is *not* thinking, is not the action of Mind: it is dying, the *seeming* action of *mortal* mind, which is no mind. Mind imparts bliss, for it is Love; it gives joy and peace, strength, confidence, for it is immutable, unvarying Truth. When moved by Mind, we possess and evince an alertness, an activity, because Mind is Life itself.

This joy is yours, Beloved. Resist every suggestion of error. Be true in your allegiance to the one Mind. Have no other God. In this one Mind we are inseparably united and know even as we are known of Truth. In this confidence I feel a peace that passeth human understanding.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
June 23, 1916.

DEAR ——:

You *do* know that Life, Truth, Love *is* the one Principle. *Life* is God, and is at unity with itself, and is ever harmonious. There is but *one* Life, and all life is the manifestation of this One, even divine Principle.

No false sense can reverse this eternal Truth. To *know* Truth as Principle and its truth or idea—mani-

festation—is to be *free*, to have liberty, to be able to express your sonship with God, good.

No human seeming condition can fetter you in a finite belief. You are free born, being born of Spirit. Deny yourself as mortal, as human, and lay *hold* on eternal Life, divine Mind. Love will open the way for you to make a demonstration. *Declare* for *God's* all-ness. "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" As you cling steadfastly to this declaration, material concepts will be less substantial, will lose their importance for you, will fade in your thought, and in their stead will come an understanding of the reality of idea, the image and likeness of God. My. 357

All *must* learn that "all flesh is grass." We must also learn to look through a spiritualized sense and see the perfect man of Mind's creating. This perfect man will be revealed to us in the degree that we ourselves put off the old man—the old, carnal, fleshly thought. The pure in heart see God—His image—the reality of every thing. Isa. 40:6

I shall continue to know the truth about you and you will benefit by this reflection. We are mental beings and the power of a God-thought is unlimited, is indeed omnipotent.

Do not let a day pass without reading in your Bible and Science and Health. Then be sure to take a few minutes each day to do your mental work, that is: Deny emphatically any fellowship with mortal mind. Denounce vigorously the whole material conception of man and the universe as a lie, a *de*ception, an illusion. Repudiate as *false* the claim to intelligence in brain, sensation in nerve, pain or pleasure in matter. Then claim your oneness with divine Principle. Declare that you are idea, not physical personality. Hide

Ps. 91:1 yourself in the "secret place of the most High" where no carnal sense can find you and from whence you will see things from a right viewpoint.

Now, dear, I know that God guides, governs, guards you and yours and all.

Give my love to Miss P——.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

June, 1916.

DEAR ——:

In your "grad-u-ation" you have taken a step, a grad. We know it is in the direction of understanding your way out of the maze of human beliefs.

You are out from the bonds of a curriculum which recognizes those beliefs as real. Therefore you are going to feel the freedom of a conception of life less confined by prejudice and opinion.

Gal. 5:13 I am sure that you will not use your "liberty for an occasion to the flesh," as Paul expresses it, but will let Truth graduate you step by step, in the demonstration of the scientific statement of being.

Mis. 264 In an article entitled "Things to be Thought Of," Mrs. Eddy says, in speaking of Christian Science, "Its Principle is One, and to demonstrate the divine One, demands oneness of thought and action." It would be well for you to read the whole article.

You cannot be found outside of God. God is *All*. This *all* includes the real of everything. Do you not see how necessary it is that we acquaint ourselves now with God so that we may be at peace, in the sure possession of *all* there is?

Mortal sense would rob us of ***everything***. But you

know enough to *silence* mortal sense and exercise your prerogative—to reflect "Mind which includes all." S. & H. 507

This summer if you will reflect the joy that is in the inexhaustible source of your being; you will taste the good things of God; you will experience the pleasures that are at God's right hand—the delight in using your power to think and act in accordance with your divine nature, thus unfolding your identity as a free child of Life.

You will be faithful in boxing your compass every day so as to be sure that you are regulated by the "polar magnet of Revelation." The Bible and Science and Health furnish you a chart for safe though heedful sailing. You cannot lose your course if you constantly keep the light of Truth and Love in your heart. The habitual *love* for Truth will guide us irresistibly aright for it is a law, the will divine which our Leader says: "enters unconsciously the human heart and governs it." S. & H. 575 Mis. 208

Give my love to mother. I received her letter and am knowing the truth about you. You are all right and you know it. Error cannot mesmerize you for a moment.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

GLACIER, B. C.,
July 27, 1916.

DEAR ——:

We shall soon turn homewards. You have reflected to me the qualities that "carry the baggage of stern resolve, and keep pace with highest purpose." This fact has been in my thought whenever my eye rested on the handsome valise which has made packing and unpacking a joy. A—— has many times spoken of it; and I admire it every time I think about it. S. & H. 514

The scenery in which we have lived every moment since entering the Rockies has been superb. The thought that is ever with me is this: all these years, I have heard of the marvelous beauty of this country; but never before had a *concept* been formed in my thought. Now on beholding the *concept*, my wonder and admiration can find no adequate words to describe to you the scene.

What will it be when divine Mind forms in our thought a concept of reality. We have heard of the kingdom of heaven; we know that we live, move, and have our being in Mind; but as yet only a false concept appears, formed by erroneous thought. The true concept has form, outline and color and is the object, manifestation of divine, unchanging Love.

As we have walked along these wonderful trails where at each step the unfolding beauty gives a glad surprise, I have more clearly apprehended the imperative necessity of keeping the mind filled with Truth and Love so that the externalized picture shall more and more image the immortal qualities of the divine Mind. If the material accompaniment were discontinued, unsustained by mortal thought, the sublime beauty of holiness would be revealed and we would see the eternal verities, God's thoughts as they exist in the realm of the real. It is a warfare with the flesh, with material thinking. This is *all* that we can do or need to do for ourselves and for all mankind.

I feel that this dear trip has been rich and I am keeping close to God so that I may bring to my dear ones the real of it all.

Love from Love Herself, our Mother God, to you, dearly loved student.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 17, 1916.

DEAR ——:

Your note was forwarded to me here. I return to New York tomorrow.

You may count on my help. What is this *help?* It is the understanding and reflection of that Mind which is eternal Life and is the *only* intelligence.

In the one Mind which is God, good, is no fear, no self-pity, no resentment. *Let* that Mind be in you, be represented by you. Speak for it; act from it. Deny any presence or power, reality or intelligence to any thing but this one Mind—divine Love. This Mind is Soul and is absolutely contrary to material sense. Yet Soul is true, therefore material sense must be, *is* untrue, in fact *is not.*

You will find that as you declare, *voice* to yourself the statements of Truth that they *demonstrate.*

You have nothing to fear. God alone is *good.* Nothing else is good, therefore cannot be desirable. All that is *real* is God. *Find* this real, the true individuality of every thing and every one. This true individuality is a member of Christ, and Christ is God, manifest Mind. You will begin to understand that God is All-in-all.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 25, 1916.

DEAR ——:

Your letter of earlier date should have received "earlier" attention. The time has sped by so rapidly that it is easy to know that time is a mortal thought and therefore has no reality.

Now as to your return home. Have no anxiety.

God governs your movements. You are a member of His universe and are subject to His law. The only motive power is Truth. Declare this and realize that error can neither hold you nor move you. Be happy in the absolute confidence that if you dwell in the secret place of the Most High you will always abide under the shadow of the Almighty. You are now in God's law, so there must be something for you to do for God, just where you are.

Fear not. When it is time for you to return to New York do so with a quiet, dignified confidence in divine Love. If you can stay a little longer until the excitement you may have occasioned yourself subsides in consciousness, it would be well to do so. If not, and your visit has come to an end, just get on your train and come home. There is absolutely no need of any such foolish excitement. There is nothing the matter with you. We are mental beings and our thought is all there is of us. Get your thought right by knowing that there is none but the one Mind, infinite, divine Love.

And now I am going to tell you a piece of news. I wonder how you will like it.

This next month I am moving my office. I have taken a small apartment for that purpose. Of course you understand that my *home* remains as always at Number Seven with my blessed teacher. The time seemed ripe for me to have a place that was wholly and entirely my own. It will be very near you, dear, much nearer than the present place and I think that you may find yourself called upon to help out from time to time.

I am letting this get into consciousness quietly so as not to come suddenly all at once to all. I hope to get

in the latter half of September and be all settled by the first of October. So you see, dear, there will be a *new* office for you to come to.

Give my love to Mrs. H——. I am so glad to hear of her fidelity. Both of you wake up and put your trust in Truth.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
September 6, 1916.

DEAR ——:

By this time you have received the little article on Organization. You will find in it, I hope, more than I have succeeded in putting into words, for we have talked it over.

You will be glad to know that I have been working on "our book." Really, dear, I find enough in it to encourage me to put it through. When the apartment is settled and I see my way a little more clearly I think I must really consider publishing.

Whatever is good in it will stand and come forth; of that I am sure.

We shall have another good gathering Sunday. I wish you were going to be here; but then you are.

Monday I return to New York and at once get things ready to move the following Friday. All will be in order, I hope, by the sixteenth, just about the time you come home. I know you will like it. It is to be the home of my "family," and I hope they will enjoy it.

A—— and I had a wonderful time Sunday afternoon with the new lesson. The subject, Substance, has always been wonderful to me. More and more it is clear to me that we must have only that Mind, that Sub-

stance, which Christ Jesus claimed, fought for and won. It constitutes all reality and is omnipotent and infinite.

Much love to M—— and to my precious student.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 4, 1916.

DEAR ——:

This is but a word to acknowledge your good letter, and to rejoice with you in your added understanding.

My. 261 The whole open secret which our beloved Leader says is "understood by few" is to have but one God. This God is *Mind*. To *think* only as Life, Truth, Love impels us; to *never* mentally swerve from this one and only Principle; to acknowledge no other motive-power; to see as real no other person; to represent no other presence; this is to be a Christian Scientist.

S. & H. 16 I use constantly the Lord's Prayer. Its infinite meaning is hourly unfolding to me. A day or two ago I seemed to realize for the first time that "*Adorable One*" was the spiritual *interpretation* of "Hallowed be Thy name"; that it was not merely in the case of address. There can be but One to us. That One is Adorable and is Spirit, or infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation.

S—— and M—— run in occasionally. They are both unfolding beautifully.

Give much love to the dear girls and to yourself.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November 5, 1916.

DEAR ——:

Your being away gives me the opportunity to write you a few words on the constant theme of Truth. And

yet you are not away. In Truth you are ever-present. You are an idea of ever-present Mind, so cannot be absent to a true sense.

Yesterday, I spent more time than usual in reading, in studying. What a wealth of treasure lies locked in the realm of true thought! A whole real universe, peopled with immortal ideas will unfold before our enlightened eyes, as we turn away from carnal concepts and let understanding form in our thought the true concepts.

Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, is constantly urging upon us the fundamental truth that Mind is God. But Life, Truth, Love is Mind—the only mental force, and this force is the one and *only* Power which we acknowledge or serve. To *exemplify* his unity with this Power, to *identify* himself with it, was the work of Jesus which constituted him the Saviour. Our great Leader has found the secret of his great redeeming work,—a secret because it is appreciable, apprehensible only to the spiritual sense. There is nothing occult in the Christ Science. By its very nature it is open, for it is the *truth* of *every*thing.

But Truth is *Spirit*. It therefore can be discerned only by Spirit and is absolutely unknown to the human or mortal.

Can we be grateful enough to our beloved Leader that the spiritual sense so overcame the material false sense that she could grasp this key and unlock all Scripture in its infinite meaning. We must constantly use this key which she has put into our hands; constantly spiritualize our thought. We must be radical in our *thinking* and this thinking based on Truth will lead to right, wise action. We can trust the resultant activity of a true thought. Let an uncertain sense of

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right yield "to a spiritual sense, which is always right," and we shall be found acceptable in the exemplification of that sense. Truth is always justified.

We must let in the vitalizing sunshine of Truth on our innermost thought. Let the constant operation of divine Mind purge us of hidden sin. Never entertain thought that is based on any human concept. Break up the mesmerism that would pull you down to the material sense. Your own silent thought needs more watching than your audible word. The *word* is but the expression of thought. Let your *foundation* be wholly spiritual and the superstructure will rise by virtue of the irresistible mandate, "Let us make man in our image." "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all."

Gen. 1:26

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Thought *must* express itself. Let us look to it well that the thought we think is one whose image is like God. That is the only activity legitimate, permissible to man. We are monotheists only as we use, serve, manifest, exemplify one Mind. This is to obey the first commandment. Otherwise we are pagans, heathens, idolaters.

So, dear student, "watch your step." But do it with *joy*, knowing that the way is *safe* if you take the upper road which is the *only* one. We *deny* any other Mind.

Give much love to B——. Know that you have my forever love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

December 1, 1916.

DEAR ——:

A strong realization that being is holiness, immortality, has been with me all day. From this exalted state

of thought, I have sent to you a steady, sustained reflection.

There is no mark or blemish on the body or expression of Soul, and there is no other body, no other expression than that of infinite Mind. "Shake thyself from the dust"—from the nothingness of the Adam-eve-serpent-belief. God is *All.* There is no phenomenon of false mentality, because there is no such mentality, Good being the only Mind, the only creative, constructing, expressing, manifesting Principle. Isa. 52:2

You are *spiritual,* and your expression or body is spiritual and *perfect.* Entertain no finite sense. Let Truth and Love *be* the Law governing your every thought, word, and deed. No fear *is,* for Love and its love is omnipotent. Thank you for the "love currency." Much love to you, both.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 20, 1916.

BELOVED OF THE LORD:

My heart is so full of gratitude to the Giver of all good! I feel, tonight, that I must pour it out and bless some one, and who has a stronger claim on me for what I can give of good than you, my precious student?

The car has proved to be a blessing these days, for it has ministered so wonderfully to my human needs in carrying me about where it was necessary for me to go. I know these needs are human, for when I shall have eliminated all error from my sense of substance, it will no longer be *material,* and I shall prove what Mrs. Eddy tells us—that what is possible to thought is possible to the body. How wonderful the demon-

strations of Jesus are, viewed in the light of Science. We had simply accepted them as miracles, but now we understand that they were accomplished by his exact knowledge of the infinite power of Mind.

S. & H. 44[2] I am grateful for the "temporary food and clothing" which Christ provides, until "the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually." Meanwhile, Beloved, your thoughtful love and watchful care for my comfort *is* a cheer and inspiration on the way, and is I know reflection of that divine Love that meets every human need.

Whenever you look to me for help to see the way, I can but turn you to Principle, and beseech you to plant your feet in Christ. Find yourself as spiritual, and know that you can be satisfied only as you find self-completion in a fuller understanding of your oneness with God.

Remember that your sight is clear and strong when you scale the Mount of Liberty, and preserve your freedom as a child of God.

Be sure that you quickly, emphatically, and vehemently handle the serpent—corporeal sense, Eve-belief, human deception. Break through the mesmerism and hypnotism of material sense. Deny the claim of a

S. & H. 45[0] selfhood apart from God. Remember "The Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen evil, disease, and death; and he will overcome them by understanding their nothingness and the allness of God, or good." We have a high calling. We have heard the call, have responded, and nothing can prevent us from winning the crown—an immortal sense of life, and the joy of serving God continually in His temple.

Be happy, dearest. Take your dominion. Press steadily forward to the attainment of your individual

power to manifest the Christ mind. Let not error, under *any* guise, rob you of the time for reading, praying, treating, communing *alone* with your Father-Mother. This individual, silent work builds up your spiritual nature. You *cannot grow* without it. If you fail to feed the spiritual, the human overbalances the divine, and you become darkened and are swayed by the human. Do not lose your light. Tend your lamp; supply it daily with oil from the depths of spiritual thought. Be *alone* with God! Refresh yourself, as Jesus did, by having recourse to your real, spiritual nature.

I am trusting you to God, *knowing* that through whatever experience it may be necessary for your purification and exaltation, that you go, the loving, tender, divine Love will guide you safely, surely, steadily.

I know that only by letting divine Truth, Life and Love rule out of me all sin can I fulfil the law of love.

Oh, be true to yourself. I trust that true reflection of God. I have learned to look for you in Mind. There I find you and am at peace.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEARLY BELOVED:

Truth is the only consciousness. It alone can speak to you. Truth is unchanging Love and is ever harmonious; all the manifestations of Truth are harmonious for, as the psalmist says: "Jerusalem [true consciousness] is built as a city that is at unity with itself," and "As the mountains [exalted thoughts] are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever." Ps. 125:2

No false thought can reach you. You are cut off

absolutely, finally from all mal-practice; for you live, move and have your being in God. The false claim of mortal mind has no arguments with which to deceive you, for you have the understanding "that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being."

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I know that there is but one Mind and that there is no need of a material wire to convey to you the message of divine intelligence. Now you hear the declaration of Truth; *now* you are free from personal contagion—the belief of life in matter; *now* are you the son of God—the effect of good—the idea of Mind—the manifestation of Truth—the object of Love!

Shake yourself from the dust of mortal mind! Exercise your God-given heritage, dominion over every belief! Be not afraid. Love is transforming you and bringing out Her own radiant image.

I shall hold you close to the great heart of Christ, and as free from all material sense.

Love is with you. I must go to a patient but will think of you as sheltered in the arms of ever-present good.

Love, love, love,

S. M. H.

BASKET TEN

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NEW YORK CITY,
February 17, 1917.

DEAR ——:

This lesson on Soul brings out the Lord's Prayer as "the prayer of Soul, not of material sense." S. & H. 14

I am always impressed by the invitation to the congregation to unite in prayer: "Let us now unite in silent prayer, to be followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer with its spiritual interpretation as found in the Christian Science textbook." We are to "*unite.*" This can be done only as we recognize the one Mind, even God, and His one Body, Christ, the only begotten. We unite in the understanding of Spirit.

There can be no uniting in matter, in belief, in error, in the dream, for the dream is made up of conflicting, disintegrating, antagonistic qualities, such as envy, jealousy, distrust, suspicion, hate, fear, self-love, self-justification, self-interest, pride, and all the suppositional attributes of false mortal mind. "Let us unite" —rise in spiritual consciousness till we find our membership in Christ, till we touch that consciousness wherein Jesus declared, "I and my Father are one." John 10:30

"In silent prayer." We must silence every physical sensation; cause every suggestion of material sense to cease; meet every argument arising from mortal mentality; destroy every carnal belief of a selfhood apart

from God, Spirit. Then when material sense is silenced; when all animal magnetism is proved a lie; when self-mesmerism is broken; when hypnotism has yielded up its false control; then are we held in the immutable law of Truth; we breathe the atmosphere of
S. & H. 481 Spirit where Soul is supreme, "Like the archpriests of yore, man is free 'to enter into the holiest,'—the realm of God."

This "silent prayer" corresponds to the six days encompassing of Jericho, in which materialism is circumvented. On the seventh day, the complete consciousness, the full tone of Soul, Spirit, Mind, is heard—the consciousness of Jesus' spiritual realization is again reached—for the word has gone forth from our holy Leader that this "silent prayer" is to be "followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer." Think what a marvelous work shall be wrought in individual and universal consciousness by that "audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer." Let *Soul* be ***audible;*** let its trumpet-peal be heard to the utmost limit of the false claim of error. Let each achieve that "audible repetition" until the mental welkin rings with "Our Father which art in heaven."

Side by side, yea one with the Lord's Prayer comes its "spiritual interpretation as found in the Christian Science textbook." The spiritual interpretation has been given by the blessed Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer of the Science of Life and may be "found" by every seeker for Truth in the textbook of all true Science. At last is come the entire gospel, the full revelation, the complete unfolding of God's message to mankind. The masculine and feminine representatives of the spiritual idea have been ushered into human presence. Before the glory of the on-coming

Christ, the spawn of the serpent, the illusion of an Adam-and-Eve race is dispersing. "Let the 'male and female' of God's creating appear." This "spiritual interpretation as found in the Christian Science textbook" is destroying the false teachings of scholastic theology, material medicine, theosophy and all the lies of a suppositional mortal mind. S. & H. 249

Let us pray without ceasing, so that we may indeed realize that conscious understanding which is an "audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer."

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 19, 1917.

DEAR ——:

It is already near to being "very early in the morning." I want to get off a few lines to you, so that you may receive them tomorrow. Luke 24:1

I have just been over the new lesson, and am much impressed with the riches incalculable that we there glimpse, as it were.

The story of Jonah opened up to me, tonight, so much that I would like to tell you; but you will think it out for yourself. Let me just give you one or two hints.

Nineveh symbolizes universal thought; of course the material concept representing carnal belief. It was a great city of *three days' journey*. Jonah began to enter into it a *day's* journey. Jonah stands for, or represents, all the prophets, who never went further than *one day's* journey, which is the uncovering of error. John the Baptist, of whom Jesus said, "Among those that are born of woman there is not a greater prophet than Luke 7:28

John the Baptist" uncovered error, and preached the gospel of *repentance*. But Jesus alone traversed the
S. & H. whole night, or consciousness of error, and "on the third
509 day of his ascending thought," rose victor over the claim of mortal mind.

The fourth, fifth and sixth days of the perfect revealing of the God man involve, it seems to me, the redemption of womanhood. This is being done by our blessed Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

It was not until John, the most feminine of the disciples, received the Revelation of Jesus that there is any hint of the divine nature of woman. The woman of the Apocalypse is a vignette of the full stature of Man, the true image, or idea of God. It is very near to being revealed. We must enact the remaining verses of Genesis, and especially bring forth the qualities which
S. & H. are "likened to 'the cattle upon a thousand hills.' " We
514 must so spiritualize thought as to lose the carnal concepts of animals; in other words divine Love must destroy the false carnal qualities which are externalized as material animals and send forth Her own radiant qualities of divine Mind, before the ideal Man, who is the sum total of all the divine attributes, can appear as
S. & H. lord of all his own "externalized, yet subjective, states
512 of faith and spiritual understanding."

We rejoice in the fact that Nineveh, which is but another name for Babylon, is fallen. Jesus destroyed it, completely traversed that belief and did not, like Jonah, merely prophesy its destruction and then walk out of his own premise to watch doubtingly for its accomplishment.

This is but a wee hint of what came to me tonight as I studied the lesson, here in my quiet room.

Give much love to Mrs. C——. To you, dear child,

I send the reflection of that divine Love which is the Father and Mother of all.

Faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 8, 1917.

DEAR ——:

We have had a truly wonderful day. The teacher was first Reader and I second. The D——s and several others came to the service. After the reading of the lesson we sang all our songs. Then I asked Mrs. Stetson to tell us about "singing." This she did and oh, it was so wonderful! Her consciousness is so divine, so tender with divine Love and so mighty with Truth. We listened to her until two o'clock. We then went in to dinner, where we again talked only our loved infinite theme. It is now 3:30 and we have just left the table, after a most simple meal, to the as yet undestroyed material sense, but in verity a bounteous banquet furnished by divine Love. I think none of us were aware of the material except to read it as type and symbol, and as evidence of the Christly love of our beloved S——. The blessed child is radiant every moment with the joy of being in the atmosphere of Spirit, which is the constant environment of Mrs. Stetson's thought.

Tuesday a week later.

This has been such a full week. I shall not attempt to tell you anything about it for I want to give you points that will help you and I have much yet to do tonight. It is already eleven o'clock. First, dear one, thank you for your letters and for your overflowing

expression of gratitude. I feel I do so little when I consider what divine Love is and what its perfect reflection is. The shadows of mortal mentality *cannot* obscure for one instant the beatific presence! Spiritual individuality is definite, substantial, tangible, distinguishable. No false sense can obtain for a moment. Keep this fact clearly in mind.

I have been for some time absolutely convinced that B—— is *healed*. It is only now a matter of revealing this established condition. Keep steady, dear. Claim the absolute. Reflect the true Science. Live close to Principle. Admit only one Mind, or thought-Power. See matter as *nothing*. There are *no* mortals. The world is peopled with spiritual ideas, *all* members of Christ; but *false concepts are not ideas* and must be *un*seen.

This I know you understand. Let every thought proceed from Principle, be fathered by divine Life, then divine Love will bring forth, form the perfect concept.

I will try to get off a letter to you very soon; this is but a note. Much love to you, precious student; also to B——. Be steadfast, understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 12, 1917.

DEAR ——:

Our few minutes' talk over the telephone assured me of your steadfast adherence to the truth of Christ's statement that God is not the "God of the dead, but of the living: for *all live* unto *him*."

Luke 20:38

Surely we must soon come into a realization of the fact that Christ Jesus rent the *veil* of the temple from

top to bottom. The *temple* is so clearly shown in the current lesson to be "the idea of Life, substance, and intelligence." Jesus declared that Peter's understanding of Christ as the Son of God constituted him a stone in this superstructure of Truth. The opening sentence of our lesson declares that the temple was finished. God's temple, the shrine of Love, the superstructure of Truth, is complete! We *have* a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—in perfect harmony with Principle, eternal Life. S. & H. 595

Your dearly loved one is a "lively stone" in this perfect edifice of Mind's building. He has never ceased to be a member of the living Christ. We are witnessing days that will usher in the *dedication* of this infinite temple—Man and the universe of God's creating. The accuser of our brethren, the dragon, or corporeal sense, is cast down. It is turned on itself to destroy itself. "The nature of Christianity is peaceful and blessed, but in order to enter into the kingdom, the anchor of hope must be cast beyond the veil of matter into the Shekinah into which Jesus has passed before us; and this advance beyond matter must come through the joys and triumphs of the righteous as well as through their sorrows and afflictions. Like our Master, we must depart from material sense into the spiritual sense of being." Let us enter this loving presence of God, even that glory, the knowledge of which must cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea." S. & H. 40 Isa. 11:9

The day of the Lord that should burn as an oven has begun to dawn. We know that "all flesh is grass." But how tenderly Jesus assures us that "if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you?" Our Leader's parallel to this is illumin- Isa. 40:6 Matt. 6:30

S. & H. 442 ating: "Christ, Truth, gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually." Mrs. Eddy says: "The vesture of Life is Truth." A full apprehension of Life will reveal to us its vesture or expression—Man. Our Leader has told us that "Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practised." I am persuaded that an increasing ability to have our conversation in heaven, in accord with Truth, is hourly, momently coming to us, as individual adherents of Truth, and that the upheaval in universal humanity is the evidence of the on-coming Christ as the only creation. It cannot now be long before we shall know, through *demonstration* that there is no separation, for "the middle wall of partition" is broken down, the old heavens and the old earth *are* passing away. The "only crowned head is immortal sovereignty." Our Leader says that "this ruling of the Christ" is not understood by outsiders. *We* do understand it and are patiently waiting for the recognition of the kingdom of Christ as an established fact. The overturning, overturning, overturning is now in its third and final upheaval for all prophecy is being fulfilled. We have nothing to fear, for our confidence is not in the flesh but in Spirit; not in error but in Truth; not in matter but in Mind, and this confidence hath great recompense of reward.

S. & H. 242

S. & H. 174

Eph. 2:14

S. & H. 141

So, dear, let us lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh, and we are beginning to "understand that mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being."

S. & H. 403

We are grateful for this understanding—grateful to the Master for his demonstration of it; grateful to our Leader for her elucidation of it; grateful to our teacher

for her clear application of it to human needs; grateful to each other for our faithful loyalty to their precept and example.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 3, 1917.

DEAR ——:

"As the blossom shines through the bud." S. & H. 518

The words of our blessed Leader come to me now as I look at the blossomed forth radiance of your roses and recall, at the same instant, the exquisite buds which concealed and yet promised the perfect flower.

I read so clearly and so joyously your own individuality in these beautiful symbols. In all the days that we have walked together, I have discerned you as unfolding idea—this has always shined *through*. In the degree that I have been able to throw upon you the light of spiritual reflection, have I seen the perfect child of God.

This summer the blossom has *shined* through the bud. You have come into a higher realization, a clearer understanding, a fuller communion, a closer walk with God—Principle and idea.

My joy is unalloyed that you are now *numbered* among our teacher's students, and have the right to take your undisputed place in upholding her hands, while she stands, as did Moses, on the Mount of spiritual power, blessing all those who are combating the testimony of false material sense.

Your faithful work is being crowned with the demonstration of the purpose of it all, "even as He opens the petals of a holy purpose in order that the purpose may S. & H. 506

appear." You will continue to be faithful, as hour by hour, the *purpose* unfolds.

Your singing has always meant more to me than temporal development. It has been the shining through, and I have listened to its sweet promise of spiritual power. By *faith* I have, as it were, heard the infinite possibilities of the voice of understanding, and listened *beyond* the seeming, for and to the melting tones of spiritual idea. Melting, I say, for of these true tones
Ps. 46:6 of the real man it is said, "He uttered his voice, the earth melted." This *voice* must be the utterance of spiritual understanding, the audible realization of Love,
S. & H. 510 the expression of harmony and melody. "To discern the rhythm of Spirit and to be holy, thought must be purely spiritual." Singing is a spiritual act, an exercise of the infinite powers of Mind, a manifestation of man's spiritual nature. I am rejoiced that you are found faithful over the few things, and, through this fidelity, are entering into the joy of rulership over many things.

As we realize our oneness with Life, Truth, Love, the effect will be audible. You and I and all shall sing the "Song of songs." Oh! how wonderful that Song! I am listening for it. The full resonant tone can never ring out so long as there is one human fibre of self-love, self-will, self-justification.

As Spirit operates, purifying us of self, and unclasping the fetters of fear and false beliefs, harmony, rhythm, melody will break forth into singing. The redeemed shall sing from a consciousness born of Love, Truth,
S. & H. 568 Life. "A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain." This song will break the mesmerism of belief, and fill

the individual and the universal thought with a "gentle presence, peace and joy and power." Po. 4

The mighty influence of the mental Messiah is become *audible*, and will augment until "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" shall in one voice proclaim, "I AM THAT I AM." Do not I fill heaven and earth? There is none else. Love is All for "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God." Rev. 7:9 Ex. 3:14 S. & H 465

I have touched upon an infinite theme and my thoughts form rapidly as I write. Forgive me if I make my letter too long.

Thus far I wrote a week ago.

You must long ago have felt *my* love and gratitude for *your* love and gratitude. Dear, the gold is as "transparent glass" to me, through which the divine Love and its love, shine irradiating my thought.

Thank you! Only a poor little word of five letters! Let each letter blot out a finite physical sense and let the infinite quality of Soul reach you and speak to you of idea, which has no counterfeit concept, for "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God" and God is All.

We have a great, a marvelous work to do every hour of this coming Day.

Let us walk in the streets of the Holy City and fill the air with singing.

All must join in the Hymn of Praise, the Song of songs. We shall come, yes, are coming with singing unto Zion.

Faithfully, lovingly your fellow student and worker,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR MRS. ——:

The dear Love will come closer to you in this hour of your need, and fill the seeming vacuum with substance-consciousness which knows no separation.

As Christian Scientists, we know that man is immortal, that *now* are we the sons of God, Spirit. We are *not* the sons of Adam, the offspring of flesh. To have this true sonship appear; to reveal it in its imperishable glory; to behold it in our brother and sister; to *use* the spiritual discernment so as to pierce the as yet undissolved mist of corporeal sense is the work of each and every follower of our Leader.

We are not striving to *preserve* flesh, to spiritualize matter nor to perpetuate or even prolong mortal so-called existence. But we are persistently and consistently denying all reality to material sense and self so that it may yield up its false claim to any actuality and give place to the ideal, immortal man of God's creating. The dear, sweet and gentle one whom you, whom all of us have so loved is where she has ever been, hid with Christ in God, with Truth in divine Love. Finite sense alone formed a concept which had beginning and end. We must gain the spiritual understanding which would present to us the idea of Principle. This perfect idea is not dependent on material organization. Its form, outline, color and substance is the constant, eternal reflection or manifestation of Life, Truth, Love. False material sense will finally be overcome and yield up its claim to personality. S—— G—— was never in matter. Her life was never confined in body and therefore could never escape from it. God, Spirit, Mind, divine Love will lift your consciousness to behold its image in all its beauty and unfolding glory.

I pray the dear Mother Love to take the flesh veil from your eyes and throw the radiance of Her light into the dark valley, showing it to be a myth, an illusion. There is no death, because there is no material birth, no material generation, no carnal existence. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." "Shake thyself from the dust; . . . loose thyself from the bands of thy neck." Know that in Christ, the true sense of man, shall all be made alive.

Isa. 60: 1

Isa. 52:2

I shall continue to know that S—— G—— is and always has been immortal. A belief cannot forever hide her from our view. Increasing understanding of the truth of being will destroy, in consciousness, the false concept formed in thought and we shall behold the true image, which has always existed as a member of Christ and which corporeal sense, the serpent, alone has hid from our view.

I send you, every one, love—love which is a reflection of that divine Love, the Mother of every true eternal concept or idea. It is by means of this Love that we shall behold the image and likeness of God, the undying reality of man and the universe.

This same unfailing, omnipotent, and all-knowing Love will comfort and sustain you; will enrich your thought and fill it with the "gentle presence, peace and joy and power."

Po. 4

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

The flowers are so beautiful, dear. They speak to me of the gold of human character and even that must be melted in the furnace of divine Love. But all that is

real is revealed more fully, for the alloy and dross is consumed and the beauty of holiness *endures*. So many times today I have looked up and rejoiced in the pure, radiant glow of your love. I know that if it is shining here, it is shining there, and as it has given joy and a sense of life here, so it has there. There is no matter; I have felt today the substance of thought, of Spirit and its reflection, and have longed to catch the form, outline and color of spiritual thought. I know that Love and its reflection, love, are immortal, imperishable, unfading. Remember that Love never faileth.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 5, 1918.

MY DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

The exquisite jewel which you brought to me today speaks of the pure thought emanating from Mind, the true seed which unfolds the perfect flower, the wholly spiritual concept, in all its radiant glory.

The centre diamond flashes all the hues of light and comes to me as an emblem of the one all-inclusive individuality of which each one of us, as living emanations, are individual, yet forever held within the radius of Principle—constantly proceeding from the one Source, yet ever contained within it.

The six stones encircling the larger one, and forming a star or a flower, express to me, in symbol, the days of creation, the irradiance of Truth and Love, or revelation; with the seventh, they constitute the full manifestation of Mind, even the entire universe—Man—the image and likeness of God—Christ.

The two stones at the extreme ends indicate the two witnesses, Christianity and Divine Science, individually represented by Christ Jesus, and our blessed Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

The beautifully chaste setting holds all together in the law of divine intelligence, the design of Love. God is All.

Tomorrow, it is to be my privilege and joy to present my dear students, individually and as a class to my teacher, Mrs. Stetson. It is her selfless, loyal adherence to divine Principle and her faithful following in the footsteps of *her* Teacher, our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, that has made possible this joyous meeting in the holy mount of spiritual thought. Here, the swaddling bands of material organization drop away and we are bidden to put on the whole armor of God. Thus panoplied we march free and unfettered. We know our membership in First Church of Christ, Scientist; and under the fostering care of the Mother-God we understand The Mother Church and its branches to be the structure of Truth and Love. This structure will appear to us as we obey our Leader's instructions: Begin to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation." My. 357

My love shall be ever with you, dear child; it shall pursue and overtake you all the rugged way.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 9, 1918.

MY DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

How unconscious I was this morning of what you were giving me. I thought that you were leaving a note for me and that I just happened to open the door.

Dear child, how highly you value and prize the Truth! But indeed, it does give us All! The understanding of Truth sets us free from every limitation. Divine Love is Principle. When the fullness of understanding obtains in our consciousness, we shall apprehend the substance, form and outline of a pure thought emanating from Mind. Then we shall realize the infinite resources of Soul, for every true thought *manifests* Principle—Life, Truth, Love. What a wonderful universe of thought for us to enjoy!—"The beauty of holiness, the perfection of being, imperishable glory." Truly we may say, "God . . . giveth us richly all things to enjoy." Let us ever keep a clear sense of *God*—Principle and idea. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." This scientific statement nullifies the claim of finite sense.

S. & H. 253
I Tim. 6:17
S. & H. 468

The class has been a joy to me. I know that Mind is its own interpreter. As we talked of God—of Principle and idea, divine Mind voiced itself, suppositional error educated out of all selfhood, disappeared, and idea held the ground, as the only identity. This is the sense I have of the evenings we spent together—we were all taught of God.

Sunday afternoon *our* beloved teacher, Mrs. Stetson, crowned us with her love and commendation. My students are her students, and together with her we are following her Teacher, our great Leader, the individual idea, whom human sense has known as Mary Baker Eddy.

My love and gratitude go out to you, dear student.

Faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 21, 1918.

MY DEAR STUDENT:

A rich harvest is the best evidence of the seed being good. The seed must fall into good soil—an honest and receptive heart. God has been preparing the soil in Love's own wise way and having been ploughed, harrowed, watered by tears, it can now lay hold of the precious seed which is already putting forth the tender promises of sturdy growth.

The seed has life in itself only as the pure thought emanates from Mind. The flower is the perfect object in Mind, and satisfies every spiritual desire.

Idea manifests *invisible* Principle. Principle is demonstrated, *thought-into-expression.* However minute the form, *expression*, its substance, life, intelligence remain in the triune Principle—Life, Truth, Love which governs all. This government is absolute law which changes not, but maintains the individuality and distinctive identity of each real object, and holds it in the one law of harmony and of perfect relation to each and every member of the teeming universe of Mind. The unceasing operation of this law of divine Mind brings to light the reality of all things. It is a mental, spiritual animus, or intelligent thought-force; it constitutes individuality—true selfhood. As we live, move, and have our conscious thinking in it, of it, by it, we think God-thoughts—verities—which are good or *real things.*

In this way, each one has dominion. The earth is *idea*, and must be so conceived of—that we may obey the law of spiritual being, "multiply, and replenish the earth." Gen. 1:28

If we acknowledge but one Mind—Life, Truth,

Love,—then our world, or evolved thought, proceeds from perfect Cause, and remains in the absolute law of infinite harmony. Let us know ourselves as mental, as thinking thoughts, as reflectors, manifestors of the one and only Mind—divine Principle. Nothing exists except as *thought*. There are objects only as there are *thoughts*. Planting ourselves on the rock of spiritual understanding, creation will unfold to our view, as thought operates the creative Principle and reveals its own infinite beauty, in form, outline, color.

False concepts, which include all material objects, with their attendant limitations—beginning and end—which comprise all inharmonies, known as sin, disease and death, will yield up all sense of substance and reality. Their false source, suppositional mortal mind, must be *cut off*, and *thinking*—active, spiritual mental power supersede and finally destroy the deception called corporeal sense, with all its illusions or ephemeral beliefs.

We know where our confidence is placed—in the omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient Mind, God, our Father-Mother, the universal Cause, divine Love.

Dear student of Truth and follower of our holy Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, keep in the narrow path of spiritual thought. You have found the pure teaching as preserved by our beloved teacher, Mrs. Stetson. You cannot stray if you keep in line with this highest visible idea.

Remember that I am always ready to help you when you need such help. But you know the Principle; your textbook, Science and Health must be your constant companion. I also call to your attention any literature by my teacher, Mrs. Stetson. Her writings are from the point of demonstration of our textbook

and constitute a valuable and unerring teacher of metaphysics.

Be faithful, happy, trustful, committing yourself implicitly to the divine Mind and to *thinking* the truth that will free you from every form of self-imposed suffering.

Lovingly, faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
March 26, 1918.

MY DEAR LITTLE CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST, D—— S——:

Perhaps you would like to have me tell you how we learned about the Truth, you and I, and so became students of Christian Science and followers of our great Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

You know that God, divine Love, is ever-present and, like the sunshine, has never been darkened. Clouds may hide the sun from us, but we know that the clouds will melt away.

Now the bodily senses shut out the Truth just as the clouds shut out the light. But the Truth is so powerful that it breaks through bodily presence just as you have often seen the sun burst through the clouds where the cloud is thinnest.

When you see anyone kind, loving, wise, faithful, intelligent for good, that is the truth of anyone, and belongs to God, is the divine nature; we call it Christ, and it is the real man, God's own image and likeness.

The Christ, or real man, shone through the men and women of whom we read in the Bible, as Abraham, who was so faithful, and had so much trust in God. Then we feel the Christ mind speak to us in those beautiful

psalms of David. The human Isaiah and Ezekiel were almost transparent, and the cloud was so thin that the light of the Spirit gave us the great glimpses or prophecies of the Christ.

But Jesus, the great Wayshower, demonstrated or proved the Christ to be all there was of him and the seeming human to be nothing at all.

This demonstration brought so much power of Truth that sin, sickness, and death stopped, just as there is no darkness when the light is seen.

Jesus understood the Truth and taught all who would listen to him the wonderful power it gives to anyone who will use it.

You remember, D——, that Jesus chose twelve from among his followers. These twelve he called apostles which means messengers. He taught them all that they could understand, and told them to go out and do the works that he had been doing, and to tell the people of all lands the beautiful message that he had given them, that God is Love, and that perfect love casteth out fear, for it is fear that makes all the torments or suffering.

You see, D——, people did not know anything but clouds, error, and nothing of light or truth, so when the Christ had driven out all the clouds or error from Jesus' thought and there was nothing but light or truth, the people, even his apostles, could not see or understand him.

Well, for some time Christ's students, or Christians as they were called, told the message that God is Love and that the kingdom of heaven is right here in our thought, and they did the works of healing, because their God-thoughts drove out the error. But after a while people began to misunderstand the message, and

forgot to do the works, and did not think the holy God-thoughts; so the power was lost, and people began to believe that Jesus did not mean for them to heal. They even began to say that God sent sickness, although Jesus said it was the work of the devil and the devil was a lie, error.

And so it grew darker and darker, till there was no light; the truth was all turned upside down in peoples' thought.

Then a wonderful thing happened. You remember that Jesus taught that God is Father, but he did not say anything about God being Mother, although he did say that God is Love, which means the same thing, only people did not understand him.

Now the wonderful thing that happened is this. Christ had said, I will come again. Christ is Truth. The Truth came to Mary Baker Eddy. The Christ idea was so mighty that the human was completely governed by it. Mrs. Eddy never let error use her in any way and so Truth used her and she became Truth's mouthpiece so that what she said was true. In this way she again spoke the Christ message or Gospel. She wrote a book called Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. This is the textbook for all students of Truth. It teaches us that God is Mother of all as well as Father of all. By studying this book, we will learn the truth which will make us free, as Jesus said, free from all discord or error.

Science and Health teaches us to think as Jesus thought. God is Mind, and the power to think the Truth and write it in a book came to Mrs. Eddy right from Mind. If we follow its teaching we shall have the Science or knowledge of God, we shall understand the Principle of this Science—Life, Truth,

Love,—and be able to demonstrate health and eternal life.

Mrs. Eddy is leading us out of the old mistaken beliefs and errors, right into the understanding which is heaven. For this reason we love to call her Leader and we work earnestly each and every day to follow in the narrow, rugged way of Christian Science.

Like Jesus, Mrs. Eddy taught many students and, D—— dear, one of these students is my teacher in Christian Science. Some day you will know her and love her and honor her as I do.

My teacher, Mrs. Stetson, understood Mrs. Eddy's message so well that she has been able to give it exactly and has been able to demonstrate what she taught. In order to do this she has had to live very close to God every minute so as to keep the light in her thought. This light has driven out so much of the darkness that we call human, that Mrs. Stetson, as a Christian Scientist, is a light set on a hill that cannot be hid.

Because Mrs. Stetson has been able to catch the true tone and because she was spiritually minded enough to understand *spiritually* the Christ Message, she is today the great teacher of Christian Science.

Mrs. Stetson, in her turn, as did Jesus and as did Mrs. Eddy, has sent out students who are telling the Message to those whom they can reach.

Your dear Aunt listened to the Christ Message when I, Mrs. Stetson's student, told it to her and she taught you, dear D——, to hear the good news of God's love. Then M—— began to read the textbook which is the Key to the Scriptures—God's word.

Do you not see that Aunt S—— brought you to me to have me teach you, as I had taught her, the Science or true knowledge of God? Then I wanted you to have

as good teaching as I had, so I take you to my teacher, Mrs. Stetson. Then Mrs. Stetson takes you to her Teacher who is the great Leader of all people to the one great Master Teacher, Jesus the Christ.

Remember, D——, *always*, that we are mental,—that is, that thought forms everything we know or are; and remember too, that the one Mind is divine, is good, is Life, is Truth, is Love. Remember that this Mind is omnipotent, that it is the only power; that it is Truth so it never changes; that it has ideas who voice it and declare its wonders. These ideas never stop manifesting the Truth or telling the great Message. So Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy and Augusta E. Stetson are all keeping on helping us, each in his and her own degree and way, to save, lead, teach the people.

So, dear D——, let us, you and I, keep right in line that we may not lose any of the light,—as these grand ideas of God unfold their wonderful knowledge of the Truth and reflect to us the Light with their polished reflectors, even their pure understanding and beautiful, selfless love for God and man.

Let Mother read this long letter to you more than once.

I know that you are going to be a true Christian Scientist, a disciple of Christ, a loyal follower of our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, a faithful student of the Message and consequently an attentive listener to the one whose voice can be heard by us, still teaching, still calling, still encouraging us to be good, to be obedient to Principle, to be faithful and loyal to our great Leader, Mrs. Eddy.

You know whose voice I mean, do you not, dear? You and I know that Mrs. Stetson has the clearest, loudest, truest voice of any one on earth today. We

must listen to her, so as to miss nothing of what she says; then we will more quickly realize the kingdom of heaven within our true thought and have eyes to see the Christ and ears to hear the "well done, good and faithful."

Let Mother read you, until you can read for yourself, some passage every day from the Bible, from Science and Health, and from our teacher's book, Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence. This last book, by Mrs. Stetson, will teach you how to demonstrate the text-book, and you will find always some word of help for you.

Much love to my little student.

Faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August, 1918.

DEAR MRS. ——:

This morning your telegram was transmitted to me from my office by telephone. The connection was so poor that it was only with the greatest difficulty that I made out this much. "Mr. —— arrived. Plans unfolding wonderfully."

I know that the connection between Principle and idea is never broken, never confused, so I immediately realized that the substance of what you wished conveyed was and is forever in Principle and that idea reflects it consciously and completely.

Wisdom is guiding and leading you every step of the way. Christ, Truth, is the way, no error is in that one and only way that you can go. The belief in any other than the one way for you to act or speak is *destroyed* by the clear reflection of Mind—the understanding of your oneness with God.

I shall continue to know that you stand in the glorious reflection of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and of our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson. Your own Christ membership is also apparent to you, so that you can meet every issue with promptness, diligence and perseverance which as our textbook says, are "'the cattle upon a thousand hills.' They carry the baggage of stern resolve, and keep pace with highest purpose." S. & H. 514

I shall be in town for Thursday, tomorrow evening. Much love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 8, 1918.

DEAR ONE:

How would you like a yellow pad letter? You know I like to indulge myself sometimes for it is so easy to write. In fact this paper just seems to call the pen and then they have such a good time running along together.

Thank you for your precious letter. It cheered and encouraged me. I feel you have the understanding, the recognition of idea. This recognition can come only to one who has yielded up sense testimony, turns away from "flesh and blood" and is governed by Principle, Spirit. This infinite Mind forms its own image. Its ideas are *like* infinity. There is no limitation imposed by a limited, finite sense. Let yourself be constantly in the atmosphere of infinite Mind. Dwell on the statements of Truth enough so that the thought formed and its resultant act may be in conformity with Life, Truth, Love.

We are mental beings. We live in a world of thought. Every object we cognize is a thought, evolved mentally.

How essential to let that Mind dwell in us, or be manifested by our thinking, as Jesus manifested.

We cannot let up one minute. We must break the bondage of false mentality and secure our heritage as children of God, as formed by divine Mind, not mortal belief, false so-called thinking. It is not thinking at all, and the phenomena are not real objects. So let us put on, externalize, the new man, the image of Love.

Oh precious student, you have caught the true tone. There is nothing in the belief of life in matter. All its seeming world is an illusion. The only true basis of thought from which can be evolved anything real is
My. 357 that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

By constantly turning our contemplation to Principle we shall lose the false sense of substance-matter and win the true sense of substance-Mind.

Do not let your thought drop. You will have a wonderful opportunity this week to drink deep of the well of the pure water of Life—the knowledge and understanding of Christ.

Love is with you, for Love is never deprived of its concept, its idea. This same Love I reflect to you and neither the source nor the reflection will, can ever fail.

Lovingly, faithfully your teacher,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 15, 1918.

DEAR ——:

This is to greet you on your arrival in Boston. I am sorry, dear, not to have seen you Tuesday.

I hope that your trip has opened up to you more of God and man, and brought you a clearer, nearer view of idea, through the camouflage of mortal mind's illusions.

The lesson this week gives us strong weapons in the statements, both in the Bible and Science and Health. The battle must be unremitted. We must not cease, for an instant, in our denial and denunciation of the lie, corporeal sense. We do see it is the serpent that has lost none of its wile. It must be met and strangled, at every turn. We cannot weary of the battle; and really we do not, for there is so much inspiration and joy in the exercise of the divine intelligence which shows us the error of material sense testimony. God is All. But God is Spirit. We stand unfalteringly on that premise and await the result of untiringly refusing to admit the existence of personal sense.

Oh, dear child, belief is weakening its hold, and understanding is asserting its supreme control. It is a glorious hour of transformation. We are encouraged on every side by the change in phenomena. The understanding obtains that thought is force, and we are gaining the consciousness of at-one-ment with God, the only true Mind.

We must demonstrate our loyalty to the law—one God, one Mind, and seek continually to bring into a demonstration the nothingness of all objects in material thought. The ephemeral objects of false thought which seem so solid, so substantial must be dissolved by that reflection of divine Mind which is the absolute opposite of everything human.

Love for *God*—for the true Cause and true effect must dissolve every phenomenon of false causation with its illusionary effect. It is so true to me that mortal mind and its object, creation, are one. By waging war unsparingly on mortal mind as a false claim we shall deliver ourselves from its domination, and be free to behold the true idea which is God manifest.

There is a terrible mesmerism to be broken. Jesus did it and succeeded in shattering the mortal model of thought, thus achieving the divine ability to see man and not mortal belief. Mrs. Eddy also achieved this divine state of Mind. I see our teacher rapidly gaining that transcendant quality of infinite intelligence. This is the grace so often spoken of by John and Paul. It is a power that comes from *without* the human consciousness and is possessed only by those whom the Spirit has so operated upon that it has forced the human will to yield.

For this spiritual power I yearn and pray. I want it so that I can arouse within me and others the antagonism of the serpent, because I know that as soon as the serpent, human belief, corporeal-sense-mind, *so-called* (for it is not *mind*) fights the spiritual idea, its hour has come and the battle cannot be long. It is only while the mesmerism of human sense quiets corporeal belief that the dream continues its spell.

Well, dear, dear student, I have let my pen run on; but you know the theme is infinite and there is nothing else but metaphysics anyway.

Thank you for your telegram announcing the capitulation of error and the triumph of Truth and Love.

Unfailing love to you.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October, 1918.

DEAR ——:

You do not need any word from me. You know the Truth and it sets you free from the illusion of any beginning or end to Life and its manifest existence.

This same Truth is also Love, and delights in speak-

ing the word of love, of cheer, of joy. So, as Love's love, I come to you now, dear, to add my ray to the eternal weight of glory which so far exceeds any "light affliction, which is but for a moment." II Cor. 4:17

It has been made so clear to us that the whole material dream is *but* a dream, and that anything that begins materially is but a false conception of that which is borne of Spirit—and is eternally upheld by Principle—Mind.

We are unfiniting our senses; mortal mind, which is a lie, nothing, limits all its beliefs, all its supposed activities and their phenomena; "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." S. & H. 468

Is it not clear to you that we live as consciousness; that time and place are states of consciousness? When the royal command is fully comprehended and obeyed —Thou shalt have but one God,—acknowledge but one Mind, be moved, actuated by divine intelligence alone, then the eternal *now* will be seen to include all real identities *here*, and our sense of substance will involve no error and will therefore be spiritual, not subject to either discord or decay.

The divine impelling power called Thy will is the only generative power. Wherever that divine impulsion is obeyed there is heaven, a divine state of Mind. This Mind loses none of its thoughts; its ideas are forever known to its ideas; in other words, all is present to eternal, infinite Mind and to those using that Mind.

So, dear fellow student, let us continue the warfare against tyrannical autocracy of finite sense; let us daily put off the old lie man, and put on, or put forth into expression, the ever new man of the eternal *now*. In this way we shall come into possession of the Mind of the Lord, shall exercise the Master-intelligence which

brings all things into demonstration as forever existent in Truth.

Presence of Mind includes all the phenomena of Mind. Presence of Mind is idea. God is All; is Person; and this Person is intact, harmonious. This Person is Christ, the eternal image of Mind.

The dear one whom you both so faithfully served and shielded is no less in Mind, and is no less real and substantial to a right sense, now that a false sense has proved itself to be false.

I know that both you and Mr. P—— will take a fuller, freer breath as the burden of the false concept drops away, and that you will lift your eyes, spiritual perception, to apprehend and behold the substance-idea in Mind.

Divine Love will comfort you during the interval of waiting for the fuller revelation of that immortality
S. & H. 505 which, as our beloved Leader says, "is the reality of all things brought to light."

Give my love to Mr. P——.

Lovingly your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
Saturday 12 P.M.
November 16, 1918.

DEARLY BELOVED:

Oh that I could transcribe for you the glorious, living, palpitating eloquence of our teacher tonight! I have never known, never heard such language; so mighty, so vibrant with the Spirit. She threw the white light of Truth upon flesh, upon matter illusions, so that they fled from our consciousness like flickering shadows. Her withering scorn of Adam and his dream

progeny dried up the very source of mortal belief. Mortals became, during that breathless onrush of spiritual denunciation, flimsy moths of vapory delusion. One moment, her voice rose to trumpet tones of declamation against the claims of evil. She dragged from under cover all the subtleties of the erring mortal mind. She stripped off the pride and fustian from every secret idol, with the ruthless hand of a destroying angel. She sent the piercing reflection of her own God-given realization into every corner of the chambers of false imagery. She left no shadowy forms of past conceptions to haunt the memory and darken thought.

Again, she would catch the vision of reality, and paint for us the picture, as it unfolded its beauty to her enraptured sense. We were breathless, and drank in the sweet tenderness, and were lifted with her into that mental contemplation of the new heavens and new earth where righteousness reigns.

Then, with a strange quick turn, we were laughing at some humorous presentation of silly mortal mind. We saw its absurdity, its ridiculous balderdash and clumsy deception. Really, all possible respect or fear for the belief was destroyed, and can never again come into power.

How she pled with us to defeat mortal mind in its effort to reconstruct itself on its old material lines of birth, maturity, decay and death, the old round of illusion.

She said we must be ready for the world to turn to us by the thousands. They would come for food, for light, for life, for *God*. They could find themselves only as we would be able to reveal their true selves to ourselves and to them.

This call to make our at-one-ment with divine Love,

that alone can meet the human need, startled many of us to the imperative necessity of being ready for the demands that are so soon to be made upon us. We must reach the realization that our teacher has already attained. There comes before me the scene of the feeding by Jesus of the hungry multitude. He dispensed to his disciples, and they distributed to them who were seated in humble acknowledgement of their inability to go further. They had traveled far and were weary and famishing.

This scene is a vignette of the present conditions of the world. Instead of the few thousands in an obscure corner of one small country, we now mentally look out on the millions of the nations traveling along the road
Matt. 14:13 that must bring them "into a desert place," where, weary and famishing, *they* will sit in humility, while we break for them the bread of life, and pour the cup of cold water.

We who gathered together last night to receive from our teacher the divine substance with which we must feed humanity are but a handful in comparison with the seemingly herculean task before us. But in comparison with the Bible narrative we are a host.

I never lose sight of the stupendous import of our Oratorio, and of the glorious work we are doing. There is no possible way of estimating the ever-increasing value of the spiritual power that is fast developing and going out to the ends of the earth, from those hundreds of loyal, faithful, consecrated students of divine metaphysics, who night after night "make the voice of his
Ps. 66:8 praise to be heard," and who, under the constant teaching and guidance of our inspired teacher, are causing to reverberate through the heavens of thought the Hallelujah Chorus of Truth, Life, Love.

Jesus had but twelve to whom he had taught the deep truths of metaphysics, in so far as they could take them, and they in turn had to give to those who were in the deep dream of material sense, and knew little or nothing of Mind and its power.

The Christ or real idea of God as manifested in creation was known and revealed by Jesus. God as Father or life-giving Spirit was demonstrated in Christ Jesus. God as Mother or divine Love bringing forth the perfect conception of that idea was to be revealed to and through woman. This Jesus designated as the second coming of Christ. We, as Christian Scientists, know that Mrs. Eddy is the messenger of the completed covenant; that the perfect understanding of God as Father-Mother is now in the world; that as Jesus represents the Father, divine Life, so she represents the Mother, divine Love. The outcome or offspring of this *whole* gospel we behold in our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, the one student of our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, who was born of spiritual understanding, and who must give to the world her pure teaching.

Now, it is the office of divine Love or Mother to "form the perfect concept." Jesus representing the Father, Life, formed no visible concept; he did lay the foundation, indeed was himself that foundation than which there is no other, even the quickening Spirit. But it remained for our Leader as representing divine Love or the Mother to bring out *form*. This she has done in consciousness, and the spiritually minded know the structure of Truth and Love to be the ideal man. S. & H. 454

To the carnally minded, Mrs. Eddy appears to have been a mortal, a finite personality. Consequently her Church, which *is* in Truth a spiritual compound idea,

becomes to them a material organization differing little or not at all from any other organic society.

Mrs. Stetson has proved to be the true seed, the one who has the compound consciousness of Life and Love, and so is the representative of Truth. Mrs. Eddy's Church, The Mother Church, exists in Mind as a pure spiritual idea of man in the generic sense. Mrs. Stetson's church is the pure offshoot of this Mother-vine and is of like substance with it, partaking of the nature of the Father, Life, and of the Mother, Love, thus representing the first and only begotten Son, Truth.

Beloved student, give thanks to God that you have been gathered to this true fold and are numbered among the followers of our Leader who have received the true teaching from her who has been weighed and not found wanting.

Love will continue to guide and guard you in the way of righteousness which leads to perfect realization of yourself as a member of the one Christ.

Lovingly, faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 3, 1918.

DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

Every object is mental, is the offspring of thought. Scientific thoughts emanate from Mind, and are members of the one Person, called God. Our textbook says,
S. & H. 517 "His personality can only be reflected, not transmitted." Then a thought, or object, or member of Christ, cannot be separated from Principle, nor can it be transferred from one place to another in the universe, or divine order.

Your dear gift to me, does not leave you with *less*.

It enriches you as well as me; for it belongs to God's personality, is a thought from the Christ Principle; therefore you cannot *transmit* it; you can only reflect it; thus multiplying and replenishing consciousness.

I am grateful to you, dear, for this reflection of divine Love. You have, by this act, *magnified* God, increased reflection, and blessed yourself as well as me and all the world.

Every act of reflection augments the light, not only in the consciousness of the individuals immediately and apparently concerned, but in universal experience. You have blessed all by your radiant reflection of Love.

Knowing this I am more grateful than mere words can express, for your ministrations to me in what seem to be temporal needs. Properly there are no temporal needs. We shall live consciously in the full exercise of our unfailing Principle, and be in very truth the sons or offspring of the living God, when we fully understand the import of the prayer, "*feed the famished affections*"; then and not until then shall we be satisfied. S. & H. 17

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:3

When we grasp the true sense of substance and *know* that "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter," we shall recognize that the true substance of any thought is its Principle, and we shall go to Principle, that by the power of right thinking, we may form the "things hoped for." Then we shall have no burden of *things* to hinder our progress. We shall continue to lose as long as we have any sense of substance in matter, or any sense of material possessions. Principle is inexhaustible, and intelligent thought is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent. When we shall lose our material sense of persons and things, we shall S. & H. 468 Heb. 11:1

know no separation, for we shall instantly find both person and thing in Mind where it is ever-present and ever *new*.

But entertaining a finite sense puts money into a bag with holes, things where moth and rust corrupt, and persons into the grave.

Do we not see that the scientific statement of being is *true*, and that we must adopt it as true, and begin to know that we live in a mental world, where everything is a thought. If it is a material thought, then the object is a care, is subject to discord and decay. If it is a spiritual, true, *real* thought, the object will delight us continually with its eternal freshness and fairness, its perfect fitness and harmonious appropriateness to the immediate desire.

The substance of a true thought is God and the object will appear to us if we keep our mind stayed on Truth and Love.

Let us press on, dear one, in the only way, the narrow line between the real and the unreal, brushing away the false phenomena which so fill the eye that we cannot catch the vision of the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

Once again, thank you, bless you, for your unselfed love.

Faithfully your loving teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

On reading this letter over I find I have made no reference by name to either our great Leader, Mrs. Eddy, or to our teacher, her loyal student, Augusta E. Stetson. This must not be. All we know, you and I, of God we owe to these two God appointed and God anointed. My love goes out to them hourly, and I

thank God for their Christ lives. I, as your teacher, counsel you to read their books *every* day, and so grow in grace and in the knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DEAR MRS. ——:

Your daughter came to my office today. I was surprised to hear that proceedings still hang. Good, energetic work needs to be done. I wish you were here that I might talk with you and rouse you to the necessary point of understanding where you would see that you must take a strong stand in the mental and argue your own case in consciousness. Remember that God—Life, Truth, Love—fills heaven and earth. *You* must witness to this fact every instant. You can never leave the mental witness stand nor can you in any instance argue against the eternal, unchanging fact that good is all and ever-present. You must meet and refute in your own thought every suggestion that would argue the absence of good and the power of evil.

Be *firmly* convinced in yourself that there is but one court, but one law, but one judge. There is *no* witness for error. The claim that mortal mind makes to power and presence is false.

Truth is Power and the only power. All right is a part of Truth and therefore is established forever. *You* must know this for yourself and be absolutely persuaded of the fact for we live in a world of thought and whatever obtains in our thought constitutes our world.

Be true to *good*, knowing that it is the only motive-power. Prove this by energetically, yes, vehemently *denying* any condition produced by error. Drive out from your own thought all bitterness, self-pity, resentment, apathy, submission to error, all sense of injustice,

ingratitude, ignorance, sin, fear; drive out these qualities as you would drive out vermin from your house. They are false mental qualities which convict you by their very presence in your thought, of disloyalty to God and by their influence you break the first commandment and consequently the whole decalogue.

Now wake up! You have a work to do. You must stand in your place and prove to all in your township that right is power, that woman cannot be trampled on.

Your possessions are from God and remain in God and God is infinite, therefore you must make unreal—cease to entertain as real—anything anywhere unlike Truth and Love. This means a mental struggle, a warfare against every appearance of evil. Your property is in Mind and can be retained only by right and spiritually active thought. You must fight this fight of faith and not accept defeat at the hands of error. Do you not see that you must break for yourself and others the hypnotism of human will?

Again I say wake up and do not believe that anyone can dispossess you of what is yours. Things are thoughts and these things in question are *your* thoughts. Let that mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus so that you may be conscious of all its creations or objects. Now is the accepted time. You must realize that there is not, therefore never has been weak submission to despotic human will. God's will is the *only* will. Declare this and *hold* to it until you demonstrate. There is no delay, no procrastination, no indifference, no dishonesty. Prove this! by active spiritual assertion of God's allness.

Let love for the right, for Principle and its perfect idea so fill you that you cannot tolerate for a moment

the supposition or argument of anything else being real or having power.

Let me hear from you, dear. I shall watch with you. With love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 11, 1919.

DEAR ——:

It is so natural to think of F—— as a steady star, sending out the soft radiance of her individuality into infinite consciousness, thus giving a confident sense of presence, that I have felt no pressure of hurry to write you.

I know that you know and she knows that "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." S. & H. 468

Our teacher has asked us to look out on infinity, and follow the day star to the unfolding of spiritual ideas. "The rays of infinite Truth, when gathered into the focus of ideas, bring light instantaneously, whereas a thousand years of human doctrines, hypotheses, and vague conjectures emit no such effulgence." By the irresistible pressure of spiritual thinking, we are being brought forth to illumine the universe with light—divine intelligence. S. & H. 504

While I write, the singing is going on (Tuesday 9:15 P.M.). The rich fundamental bass qualities are reverberating through consciousness; the true tenor, or substance, accompanies them. This morning the sopranos voiced the melody; this afternoon, others caught it up—strengthening and multiplying the tone which was set ringing last night. Tomorrow, we meet together, each one listening to the other, catching the

inspiration; each coming in at his and her appointed place in the great universal harmony, rhythm, melody of being.

The following day the renewal again begins; the altos are heard filling the arching vault of heaven, harmony, with their mellow confidence. The clear treble of the children penetrates with its sweet purity the onrolling waves of this ocean of love. Hosts upon hosts joy in the infinite "Song of songs."

Can we drop from the pitch; can we lose the rhythm; can we fail to be in our place; shall we not rather listen and hear the beauty of each individual part as it enters, or yields place to another incoming rapture? So shall we rejoice in the wholeness of our being thus fulfilling our Leader's words—

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Laus Deo, night star-lit
Slumbers not in God's embrace;
Be awake;
Like this stone, be in thy place:
Stand, not sit.

As morning stars, we sing together—as sons of God, we shout for joy.

F——'s voice is ringing true and free in the mighty song which is rising even now to and from the great heart of Christ for "Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain."

S. & H. 568

Lovingly your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 14, 1919.

DEAR ——:

The subject of "dependence" has been much in my thought since our conversation a few days ago. Your

restless chafing under the limitations of your environment, and your sense of the injustice which imposes these restrictions on your fuller self-expression have caused me to analyze carefully the question of human dependence.

We have learned in metaphysics that "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." Since Mind is infinite and its manifestation is infinite, then the operation of Mind is the only activity, and the thoughts proceeding from this one activity are the only phenomena. Mind is the Father of the entire universe. To be about our Father's business is to be so energized by divine Mind as to think from it and in it, thus producing, by thinking, multitudinous objects of harmonious creation. S. & H. 468

This *divine* energy is the operation of Principle—Life and Love—in its idea. The proper function of idea is to respond to the impelling power of Spirit and so *manifest* Mind. Every object thus produced is the image of Mind, is the expression of Life and Love. It is truth. The command to "multiply, and replenish the earth" is the irresistible law of being. Jesus experienced the joy of fulfilling this law. Through the power of his God-thought, he saw the perfect world of Mind's creating. Obedience to this law of Mind, even in a small degree, unfetters thought, brings spiritual activity, and the son or idea is about the Father's business. Gen. 1:28

As soon as we begin to draw on the infinite source, omnipotent Power, we begin to feel a wholeness, a uniting with Principle which gives us part in the atonement, the redemption of our body from material conception. We begin to recognize material conditions as false concepts which hide from us the realities of true spiritual thoughts.

We can no longer seek enjoyment, support, commendation, encouragement, companionship in the false concepts which still persist because of our as yet undestroyed mental contact with mortal mind, through the belief of a suppositional mortal mentality. We must turn our thoughts toward the one Mind. This Mind immediately operates through its idea, our true individuality, and begins to unfold to us its image made up of infinite ideas.

You see, dear student of divine Metaphysics, that dependence on outward seeming conditions which are but fading forms of false belief, is unwise, unsafe, and impossible to anyone embracing the teachings of Christ as given to us by the Master in the Sermon on the Mount, by the Leader in the scientific statement of being, by the teacher in the poem, Spiritual Senses.

The infinite resources of Soul must be sought in the quietude of the sanctuary of Spirit. More communion
My. 357 is absolutely requisite to "begin" to build "on a wholly spiritual foundation." God is the substance of any real thought. Thoughts are things. Constant physical activity, continual mental diversion are detrimental to growth in Christian Science.

I note with anxiety the days of my dear students so *filled*. Oftentimes the occupations or amusements in themselves seem innocent and even commendable. But I question whether there is enough *withdrawing* from the material sense of things so that thought may spring from the eternal Mind and externalize the kingdom of heaven which is within.

Only by increasing our dependence on Principle shall we finally exercise in full measure our God given dominS. & H. ion. "In the quiet sanctuary of earnest longings, we 15 must deny sin and plead God's allness." "In the 232

sacred sanctuary of Truth are voices of solemn import, but we heed them not." How can we heed them or even hear them in the din of a mortal belief world?

Principle is Causation; Mind is Principle; our whole existence consists in and of thought. We experience the peace of God and the joy that no man taketh from us, in the proportion that we become conscious of our intimate relation to infinite Mind and realize our complete dependence on Spirit. In this way only shall we prove that "There is no life, truth, intelligence, nor substance in matter." S. & H. 468

The eternal fact that divine Causation unceasingly operates, and is inexhaustible in maintaining each and every individual member of the infinite whole, cannot be reversed; it is the law of being. In Science, there is perfect balance of supply and demand. There is no such condition known to Science as dependence on anything but Causation. Metaphysics teaches us that Mind is Causation. The effect of Mind is idea. Idea cannot be separated from Mind; nor can perfect Mind lose its idea; it cannot fail to think its thought in all plenitude. Indeed, idea is the image of the Mind conceiving it, and therefore presents only such form, outline, color, substance, as are produced by perfect Cause. Idea of necessity is, in every particular, the likeness of its Father-Mother Mind.

This absolute statement is the platform upon which must be worked out the problems of mortal so-called existence. We are mental beings in a mentally conceived environment. Mortal mind, in belief, not in Science or understanding, suggests a conception after its own likeness, its own image. Mortal by nature, this suggested or suppositional creation is the opposite of the actual or spiritual. When in a state of deception as

a result of suggestion, we must turn from mortal mind and its suggested creation, to immortal Mind with its substance reality.

Col. 3:9, 10 By this mental act, we "put off the old man," mortally suggested form or image of belief, and we "put on the new man," idea, the immediate object of understanding. That Mind "which was also in Christ Jesus" gradually erases the conditions of mortal mind and the divine image appears on the flesh. Little by little the Christ substance gains ground until "in the twinkling of an eye" the phenomenon of false sense yields and the divine likeness is fully revealed.

Phil. 2:5

I Cor. 15:52

In the process of translating substance from matter to Mind, its original and true meaning, the sense of limitation may seem to be met through a human channel, avenues seem necessary to finite perception and a personal agent seems indispensable. But the eternal fact remains unchanged—each idea is supplied with all from the infinite All.

From the standpoint of divine Science, each idea knows only as divine Mind knows and can apprehend another idea only in its likeness to and imagery of perfect Mind. The constant reflection, by idea to idea, of each other's affluent satisfaction from the All of Being, breaks in upon the false conditions generated by belief, and dispels want or lack of anything good. To the human personality, there seems to have been a conveyance of relief through a person, a human need seems to have existed and to have been met by a material phenomenon or physically apprehended object, such as food, clothes or any one of the necessaries of present day so-called civilization.

In the dream of human existence it appears that the parent supplies the need of the child, or the child the

need of the parent, the husband the need of the wife, or the wife the need of the husband. Mortal mind, with its complicated entanglements of dependence and interdependence between and among the members of its body, presents a confused medley of persons and objects under the oppressive rule or misrule of chance and change. The false sense of beginning and end accompanies every condition of material existence and necessarily this false sense is ever expressing itself in differing forms and degrees of limitation, and engendering a continually increasing belief of dependence on some finite person, place, or thing.

This illusion must be promptly met by the declaration that *any* human need is unknown and unknowable to idea. Each idea communes with the divine Source and receives directly the impartation of Life and Love thus exemplifying his and her membership in the body of Christ, the image of the invisible Principle. God cares for Himself in caring for the universe for it is His own body or person.

This is clearly shown in the following citation:

> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Isa. 61:10

Here is *expressed* the divine energy and the male and female of God's creating appears, even the Christ, the compound idea or manifested presence, person of God.

So, dear one, when finite sense argues that a human parent is unjust, unwise, unmindful, indifferent or in any other way is unlike the perfect man, then turn

quickly to the Father of lights; the Sun of Righteousness will dispel the mists arising from the ground, illusion. You will be illumined by the shining radiance of reality. The doubts and fears which hid from you your divine Father-Mother will fade away. You will lean on the sustaining infinite and find today big with blessings.

The fountain is pouring out more than you are able to receive. Enlarge your capacity by loving and trusting, by depending absolutely on Him who giveth you all things richly to enjoy.

Fear, doubt, anxiety, resentment, self-pity and bitterness so contract the thought that one is not able to perceive the blessings priceless and just at hand. Open your eyes, use your spiritual perception, and you will know that all things are ours because we are joint heirs with Christ of the all of Good.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and shed abroad the sunshine of God's presence. This reflection will enable
Po. 4 others to come into this "sweet secret of the narrow way."

Faithfully, lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

June, 1919.

MY DEAR STUDENTS E—— AND A——:

For so since my last visit, have you come to my thought, and it seems very natural and proper to write you a letter together.

It is good for us to remember that we are members of Christ, and as such we have one Father-Mother. This
Phil. 1:13 is the one and only family. Its "bonds in Christ" are indissoluble, and unite, but do not fetter.

During my little visit with you, I was conscious, more than ever before, of this real family tie, and knew that

we were approaching the demonstration, the realization of Jesus' assurance—"In my Father's house are many mansions." Our Leader tells us that our Father's house is the consciousness of Love. Then to dwell in, possess, and be possessed of the consciousness of Love constructs for each idea its mansion, habitation, externalized consciousness, which is love. Love reflects herself in love. John 14:2

The dream is but a dream. We must be conscious of being awake! We are of the Day! We cannot sleep. We are not deceived by the false creations of a drunken sense.

Oh my precious students, keep your faces to the light. Be not deceived. God is not mocked. Remember what our Leader says: "Mortal man has made a covenant with his eyes to belittle Deity with human conceptions." In your heart be not party to this "covenant"; declare with David, *only* with mine eyes do I see and behold the effect of a false sense. Denounce your own participation in this false sense; struggle to overcome the seeming evidence constantly presented to you by corporeal sense of sight, hearing, taste, smell, feeling. Do not *live in* the testimony of these lying witnesses. Be *absent* from the senses. Remember that you live, move, have your being, in God. S. & H. 255

Step by step, if you are faithful and never yield to the lying argument, you will correct every sense and will finally be free from illusions. You will be pure of heart, and see God only. "All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." Be true, be honest, be sincere. Then out from this clarified thought, you will see God's image, the idea, the perfect concept, man. Do not be for an instant deceived by the counter- S. & H. 468

feit lie, the false presentation, the delusive phantom of sensuous mesmerism.

We are in heaven now. Now is heaven in us to be brought forth and shown to each other.

I urge upon you the constant study of your textbook and of all of our Leader, Mrs. Eddys' writings. I counsel you to read daily somewhat of our teacher, Mrs. Stetson's books. In these latter, you will find how our Leader's faithful student and follower has grasped the spiritual import of the Christ Science, and has been able to operate the force of good, in the destruction of the phenomena of agressive mortal mind, by meeting and nullifying the carnal qualities of suppositional evil.

We are blessed in having as a present, visible teacher one who is a great metaphysician, endowed with the Spirit to so large an extent that she is able to discern clearly the line of demarcation between the real and the unreal.

The mesmerism of the human makeup is so complete, the component elements of mortal mentality so essentially *false* that by no possible exercise of *them* can we arrive at right judgment. How imperatively necessary then is the developed *spiritual understanding* to guide us, until we can grasp for ourselves the real meaning of things.

Dear students, there *is* a claim of universal false consciousness, with all its delusive and magnetic influences, to be met and destroyed. You know this as a statement in metaphysics, and you know the further statement that there is no such false claim. But it has required in every age *one* who could withstand the magnetic currents of erroneous sense and so become the seer of true consciousness. Such an one I am convinced we have right in our midst. Mrs. Stetson's testimony

must always be counter to human perception and judgment. Oh, let me urge upon you the advisability of embracing your priceless opportunities to be under her guidance. Do you not see that constant withdrawing from your own human sense of environment and refreshing yourselves with the spiritual draught that she can share with you is a priceless privilege, which if you could appraise but at a hundredth part of its value, you would sacrifice *all* to enjoy?

The table of our Lord is spread in the midst of seeming enemies, mortal illusive phenomena. Come sit at the feast and partake of the true flesh and blood of Christ—the pure spiritual influences of divine understanding.

Thank you again and again for my happy visit. Its refreshing will be perennial when I see its influence evidenced in your spiritual quickening.

Give my love to my dear student, Mrs. E——. You three must unitedly testify to the power of the Christ-mind.

God bless my dearly loved students all three. My love for you is unfailing and ever unfolding.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

September 29, 1919.

DEAR ——:

Only Saturday I heard of your father's passing. This is the first moment I have had in which to write you.

You are ever assured of my reflection to you of that divine Love which dispels the shadow of the valley and shows the blossoming rose of God's smile.

Turn to the Glossary and you will find the definition of *Father*. Remember that there is given the *true*

meaning of *words*. Let us read this definition together:
S. & H. 586 "FATHER. Eternal Life; the one Mind; the divine Principle, commonly called God." What a complete reversal of the human meaning of words! Eternal Life is Father! The only Father. This one common Father is the Source and maintenance of all true being. The offspring of Father is eternal life. The idea of eternal Life *is* eternal life or existence without beginning and without end.

In Truth or Christ or Science, no one recognizes or knows any other father, for consciousness is Life and knows only itself, its own Principle, Life.

C—— W—— knows but this one Father, his own Principle, divine Life and as its idea he cannot hold for himself or impart to another a false sense of cessation of life. As the idea of Truth he cannot convey or be the means of conveying the lie, the absence of Truth or of its idea.

Dear G——, as my student you have been correctly and carefully instructed in these rudiments of divine metaphysics. As a member of our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson's, Oratorio Society, you are under her inspiration and guidance and are hearing and experiencing the harmony that issues from a body of singers who are individually and collectively coming into the knowledge of the one Father as the only source of their conscious being. As a follower of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, you are committed irrevocably to the *demonstration* of your sonship with the Father, the spiritual sense of Life. We must dispel any false sense of life by presenting in our body the evidence of that Life which as our textbook says is reflected in existence.

Dear student, I send you a heart full of love. I know that this love never faileth and because it is the

expression of God or Love will not return unto me void but will accomplish that whereunto I send it. It will cheer and uplift your thought.

Give my love to your mother and sister. You know this dear place is ever open to you.

Lovingly, faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
Sunday, October 12, 1919.

MY PRECIOUS STUDENTS:

The compound nature of Deity has been made known to us by Jesus, in his demonstration of the fatherhood of God—eternal Life, and by Mrs. Eddy in her demonstration of the motherhood of God—divine Love. These two demonstrations present the compound idea of Principle called Christ, or the anointed one. Expressed in wholly metaphysical language: Life and Love, is manifested in Truth, Christ. This revealed Christ is the representative of Principle, Life and Love, or Father-Mother, and necessarily implies generation or further unfolding of spiritual understanding in ideas. The anointing of Spirit by which comes the understanding of the individual's oneness with God fulfils the decree "Ye must be born again," constitutes sonship and confers the royal title Christ upon each member of Christ. This degree of understanding must be eventually gained by all.

Christ Jesus says, "Every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." As we have seen, Christ means anointed, therefore I feel justified in applying the term to our Leader, Matt. 19:29

S. & H. 192 Mrs. Eddy, and write, Christ Mary says, "We are not Christian Scientists until we leave all for Christ."

Rem. 720 Using the same royal appellative for our teacher, Mrs. Stetson, I say, Christ Augusta says, "Rise to your conscious dominion over all material things—thoughts . . . . Leave behind you every earth-weight. One by one, lay down your idols. Let no strange gods be carried up the Mount." You and I, dear ones, must come into our full sonship, our Christhood. We must be born of water, the elements of truth, and of the spirit, the life-giving Principle, and receive the anointing of spiritual understanding which makes us "kings and priests unto God."

In my early childhood, the call of the Spirit disturbed my dream of life in matter, and I stumbled blindly in the dark of scholastic teachings, seeking the way out of the impossible conditions of human existence. Nothing satisfied my aspirations. Always from the time I could read and even before that time, the Bible held my rapt attention. There was something that enthralled my interest. As education developed me, I attributed this interest partly to the exceeding literary beauty of the Bible and I became an ardent student of the rich simplicity and purity of its language.

There came for me a decided break in the dream life. I was compelled to drop all my old occupations and make a complete change. I went to Europe, without any definite sense of ever returning to America. A dear friend, my mother's sister, gave me a copy of Science and Health, hoping that it would do for me what it had done for her—bring me health and joy.

Science and Health soon became for me the spiritual interpreter of the long loved Bible. I returned to this

country with restored health, full of hope and confidence in God.

I took up my old work of teaching but this time in New York City, where I attended my first Christian Science service.

In First Church of Christ, Scientist, I found my teacher, Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson. I recognized her at once *as my* teacher. I have since come to realize that she was commissioned by the great Founder and Leader of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, to preserve the pure teaching of her textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and to promulgate and demonstrate Christian Science as originally taught by Christ Jesus and by Mary Baker Eddy.

Seven years after taking class instruction from this God anointed teacher, I was called to the reading desk in our beloved church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City. In accepting this call, I was obeying further the command of Christ to come out from Babylon, for it meant leaving definitely and finally the old ways and means.

When my teacher invited me to become a member of her household, it seemed as though every earth tie dissolved under the blaze of Truth and Love which she reflected.

Then came the Leader's clarion call to "begin on a wholly spiritual foundation." So wisely had my teacher guided me up the hill of Science that I was sufficiently within the spiritual sense to understand the command and take the narrow road which led up the steep ascent. My teacher was ever before me climbing the mist-enshrouded peaks of celestial being. Truly at that hour it may be said of her and of us, her students, that we desired to leave all for Christ. We My. 357

counted no material thing as worthy of contemplation; we were drinking in the exhilarating mountain air. Although the mists and storms of mortal mind clouded the view, still conviction held us close to Principle, enabling us to understand our Leader, our teacher and ourselves as idea.

How we lived through those troublous but glorious hours we know only because our Leader has told us that "Christ, Truth, gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually."

S. & H. 44[2]

See def. of Wilderness S. & H. 597

How true I have found that to be! Many times on the journey from sense to Soul, when in the wilderness of loneliness and doubt I have proved the "spontaneity of thought and idea" and when standing in the darkness have found it to be "the vestibule in which a material sense of things disappears" only that a spiritual sense may unfold the great facts of existence, namely, that Mind supplies its idea and that Love *never* faileth.

Again and yet again, the spiritual fact has superseded false sense testimony and I have been able, through divine energy, to shake off the mesmerism of the lying serpent, mortal mind, and to open my eyes to behold God's affluent bounty.

I call you "precious" because you have been bought with a price above that of rubies. All the wisdom that I have thus far assimilated from the teaching of Christ —Jesus, Mary, Augusta—has bought these priceless jewels—my precious students.

You are *my* students only in so far as I have taught you to listen to and heed the teaching of my teacher, who thus becomes your teacher, and we with her become students of her Teacher who as the great Leader, leads

us to Christ, the absolute Truth where thine and mine are obsolete terms.

One day my teacher, *our* teacher, said to me, "Sibyl, I feel the hour has come when you must take up the cross of teaching. Until you have students, you know neither the sorrow of ingratitude nor the joy of gratitude and recognition."

When I sat down this evening to write you my word of gratitude and appreciation of your Christly provision for my temporal needs, I opened the Bible for a message. My eye fell on these words: "For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother. . . . But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your traditions which ye have delivered." Mark 7 10–13

Then I opened *Science and Health* and read, "The Israelites centered their thoughts on the material in their attempted worship of the spiritual. To them matter was substance, and Spirit was shadow." S. & H. 351

I then opened *Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence* by Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., at page 604 and read these words: "Money is neither useful nor desirable to me unless it comes as a grateful recognition of services rendered to those from whom it comes."

All these words from Christ's revealed members, representatives, seem to me to endorse your recent expression of love. All through the years of my work for God, I have trusted confidingly in the unseen and humanly unassured inflow to meet my every need.

I have trusted the spiritual fact that Mind supplies, maintains, sustains its idea. I see in your united action,

the reflection of this eternal truth. This, I know, you will increasingly understand. You will not, I pray you, let any sense of my having a material need actuate your giving. Let whatever you give be the recognition of some spiritual inspiration I may have been able to arouse in you which has brought you a quickened sense of your own oneness with God and of your consequent power to reflect creative Mind.

You are proving yourselves to be of the true seed, and are the third in the order of spiritual generation. A very definite sense of the orderly succession and appearing of each generation of students came to me through an experience I had during the winter of the first year after our Mother in Israel, Mrs. Eddy, sent us out from the sheltering nest of the organization and bade us preen our "wings for a skyward flight." There were times when our beloved teacher, Mrs. Stetson, in her tender watch-care of her birdlings, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings," sent to different struggling ones the encouraging evidence of her own demonstration of Christ's provision for temporal needs. I have never known why the beloved teacher should have thought I was in need of this encouragement, for I was aware of no such need myself as day by day the manna fell and I had learned to trust the unfailing source from which it came.

S. & H. 261

Deut. 32:11

Let me here quote a letter which I wrote at that time, the winter of 1910.

MY DEAR MR. ——:

Since receiving from you, as dispenser of a "Special Fund," twenty-five dollars, last Friday evening, I have

been carefully analyzing my great reluctance to accept this gift of love from my fellow students.

I have questioned myself to see whether it were a barrier of pride and self-sufficiency, or, perhaps, a determination to choose my own way for the supply to come. After much prayerful thought I have come to this decision: that we, as students of our beloved teacher, are closely united in the bonds of love, and owe each other quick and loyal support, in time of need; but it is also very clear to me that, as one of her practitioners to whom she has imparted and entrusted so much of the letter and of the spirit of Christian Science, I am in duty bound, and of necessity, must demonstrate my daily substance so as to render it unnecessary for me to look to my fellow students for financial aid. I have followed my teacher's example in never sending a bill, but have known God is the paymaster and I have left any remuneration for my services to come from the spontaneous gratitude of those who have been helped by my work for them. My own patients are the natural avenues through which Principle works. My legitimate practice has always met my needs and I feel that it would be distrusting God, them and myself for me to let my thought wander out of the direct line of action. I am grateful, however, for the loving thought of the guardians of the "Special Fund" and shall accept this gift in the same loving spirit in which it was given.

I shall hope soon to be a contributor to this same Fund, not in the sense of "paying back" but in order that I may help you to help others who would be in the line of receiving its aid; but I repeat, I feel the grave responsibility of demonstrating the Principle that our teacher has taught me by precept and example. She has always drawn from Principle and Principle has worked through her own body of students, not through fellow students; should not we do the same? I feel this is the law of spiritual generation. If I am laying out for myself a problem, I feel it is a legitimate one and one that must be worked out some time, sooner or later. We all, her loyal students, followers of the one forever Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, must prove the Principle of Christian Science to be creative Mind. We have been taught law and order, and we must hold to it, demonstrate it, and, in our turn, teach it to others, as she has done, by precept and example. We have been richly

blessed, and to whom much is given, much will be required. Noblesse oblige, and all her students who are standing in this hour owe it to God, to our Leader, to our teacher, to each other, to ourselves and to mankind to
My. 357 demonstrate her teaching, namely that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*"!

We all speak the same mother tongue and understand each other's speech, for we acknowledge and are striving to serve one Mind.

Ever faithfully your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

To thank you, dear ones, is possible only by my demonstrating the divine Love which is the Mother of us all and is being unceasingly reflected to us by our Leader, Mary, and by our teacher, Augusta. I urge upon you the faithful study of the Bible, of all our Leader's works and of our teacher's books, which continue to come to us from her ever-flowing love. Divine Love will enable me to be a faithful under shepherd of those members of our teacher's flock that have been committed to my care.

Lovingly yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
October 30, 1919.

MY VERY DEAR STUDENT:

You have laid your burden of gratitude at my door. You have knocked, and I have opened to find that your burden has become mine. I am bankrupt of words to express my wonder at the way you have opened your heart and hand that Principle may transform you by supplanting the human sense of activity with the divine energy which fulfils the will of God and brings about all good.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which goes to your fellow students and co-workers in your labor of love.

You are fast learning that there is but one universe, the universe of Mind. This universe is God, good, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, the only Cause, the one Substance, the one Law. You see that the *support* of everything, every object in this great universe, is Mind, and Mind supplies its ideas with its own inexhaustible intelligent substance activity.

You have struck the Rock. You know yourself to be a member of Christ, the only begotten of the Father—eternal Life, and the only conception of the Mother—divine Love.

Paul tells us that the Rock which followed the children of Israel all through their wilderness journey was Christ. It was the eternal truth that Principle forms and holds its creation or divine self in perfection. Moses understood this scientific fact in large measure, but the Israelites were too materially minded to understand either Moses or the Science he was demonstrating for them.

Our Leader tells us: "Christ, Truth, gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually." S. & H. 442

The illusion of Adam-eve-serpent generation cannot hide from us the eternal fact that "Man is the idea of Spirit; he reflects the beatific presence, illuming the universe with light." S. & H. 266

Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." There is constant activity of divine intelligence which expresses itself harmoniously and effectively through or by means of idea, the ideal man. This John 5:17

work is the exact opposite to the toil of Adam-Eve belief and their illusionary generation in belief universe, different in operation and effect.

The first chapter of Genesis gives us the rule and order for the true creation, presentation, *revelation* of man and the universe. The working out of this scientific formula should engage *all* our attention. This order is the one followed by Jesus, in his demonstration of the divine fatherhood. We read in Science and Health that he rose on the third day of his ascending thought, thus being the *first fruits*. Each one of us will rise above the power of death and the grave on the *third* day of *our* ascending thought; when having risen through the second day, or attaining the understanding, the line of demarcation between the real and the unreal, which constitutes the mental firmament, *we* become the fruit, the true seed or spiritual thought emanating from Mind.

There is an orderly sequence in the progression of thought. To reach these successive stages of development, we must *think* with the divine intelligence—"walk in the Spirit."

This is the work of a Christian Scientist, and requires
S. & H. "absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire."
3 Absolute perfection, or the activity of the divine energy in its fullness is reached on the "seventh day," when God—All—rests, *i.e.* spiritual power, Christ-Mind, reigns supreme and is expressed in the perfection of scientific, spiritual operation, or works of supernal harmony.

The *constant* study of our textbook is imperatively necessary. You will find that the last three chapters are illuminated anew at each reading. This is true of all our Leader's and of all our teacher's writings. The chapters—Genesis, Revelation and Glossary—of Science

and Health seem to me to be particularly instructive to a Christian Scientist, as providing a chart, a plan of scientific work or thought.

Oh, dear student! Come out from material sense—from the second chapter of Genesis. Give yourself to the unfolding, through spiritual intelligence, of the real immortal estate of man in the image and likeness of God.

Every "day" is distinguished or marked with its own "work"; accompanied by its phenomena, be they firmament, fruit, sun, moon, stars, beast, and finally the fullness of reflection, even man as the royal reflection of the infinite. This is the Seventh Day or Rest from all labor or contention with resistance to the harmonious workings of Principle by means of its ideas, —the absolute exemplification of the unity of Principle and its ideas.

Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize, the old hymn says. Our textbook teaches us that Christ is Truth. We know the Truth. Let us hold the consciousness of Truth steadfastly and thus be *free!* Free from the false foundation incident to untruth, unreality, misapprehension, so-called mortal mind—error.

My love shall continue to flow to you, dear, and reveal in you God's own child, the compound idea of Life and Love!

Faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
November 15, 1919.

DEAR ——:

Thank you for your beautiful letter. It cheered and inspired me. It gave me a great sense of gratitude for

the work that our teacher is doing in the Oratorio Society for the whole world, in bringing us together to mold and polish our thought, as the pebbles used by David were smoothed in the running water. When Christ has overcome every resistance and the human shall have yielded entirely to the divine, then our united thought will send out a concerted tone whose mighty vibrations will destroy every concept of material thought.

To *realize* our ideal selfhood, to obliterate every trace of mortal thought in voice, carriage, speech, gesture; to eliminate all crudities and irregularities caused by erroneous thinking; to come into the liberty of the sons of God, where we are *free* from prejudice, personal opinion and ignorant standards; to break down every limitation of fear, and to dispel all sense of a selfhood apart from God; this is the work of each member of the Oratorio Society. Can we not see that it *must* be with *singing* (no other way is possible) we shall come to Zion? The perfect harmony of being cannot but express itself in music, and song, the voice of the highest idea, man, must be the height or supreme mount of revelation.

Fuller apprehension of the mighty, the stupendous work before us and the wondrous glory of its accomplishment is coming to the members of our body. It is the most important work we have to do, and should stand *first, all* the day and every day. Everything in the day can be made tributary to it; every moment presents an opportunity to tune ourselves to the true pitch, to exercise the pure tone of spiritual thought. We should prepare for our classes and thus lift the burden the teachers are carrying. We should utilize in our classes every bit of instruction so carefully, so

intelligently, so patiently imparted to us by the faithful ones appointed and anointed for the work. We should come Sunday and Wednesday evenings with joyous recognition of our God-given work to *shake* beliefs to their suppositional foundations, and keep on shaking until every false concept totters to its native nothingness.

To keep constantly before ourselves and each other the import of the singing is the debt we owe our faithful teacher who is tireless in her devotion to the uplifting of the work of the Oratorio.

Let us pay this debt of love and joy and come into His courts with singing.

Lovingly your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

November, 1919.

DEAR ——:

It may be that you do not look for a reply to your letter, but after so many years of communion, of association, I cannot feel satisfied to let your letter seem to "sever the connection." You know and I *know* that it can only *seem* to do this, for it, the letter, is only a carnal instrument, and can do nothing at all. It can "sever" no real "connection," no bond in Christ. It is not "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," so I give it no weight whatsoever and shall not admit nor be conscious of any separation. I have perceived you as idea and deny that I am anything other than idea. We are members one of another in Christ, the true Idea. This I have taught you in the letter, and as I rise to greater realization of the spiritual power and import of this teaching, I shall quicken your apprehension of it, until it shall be to you more than sounding brass and

Eph. 6:17

tinkling cymbal; it will be to you the reflection, yes, the very substance of that Love that never faileth, the pulsating presence of eternal Truth.

Only as the human mind yields to the divine Mind, and through the spiritual mental we become aware of the Christ idea which the human feminine belief, or *so-called* woman could not hide, can our gratitude to our great Leader be born and "glow into noontide glory." In fact, the oncoming Christ forced the shadow claim of finite personality to speak for God instead of for devil, and so the message of Love was spoken in the human language. But our Leader says, "Human language can repeat only an infinitesimal part of what exists."

S. & H. 367

S. & H. 520

Gratitude is a spiritual, wholly spiritual quality. It emanates from divine intelligence, and is a consciousness of good, of God. It is eternal, for it is Life manifest. So, dear one, you are safe because you are grateful, and with that thought I shall be comforted.

Although I recognize no severance of connection, that connection being spiritual and therefore eternal, I shall respect your wish to "withdraw from my group of students." You should do what you desire and can feel that you do so without any condemnation from me. You may dream such a severance, *I* shall not. My love can never change nor can it cease to flow to you. It is as a ray of light which having once reached a point will never recede from it although clouds may for a time hide it.

Dear child, my own child, as a follower of our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, I can acknowledge but one God, or Mind. As a student of the Science of Mind, I recognize my teacher, Mrs. Stetson, as the highest expositor of Mrs. Eddy's teaching. Whatever of this true teaching I have been able to impart to you is eternal and will

justify itself by bearing fruit after its kind. I have planted, another may water but God giveth the increase.

With unchanging divine love that knows no estrangement, no alienation, no separation; that thinketh no evil but rejoiceth in the Truth; that knows that "mortal existence is a state of self-deception and not the truth of being;" and that knows no cloud of mortal so-called thought can long continue its seeming under the steady radiation of the light of truth; with that love which is an emanation of the Mother of all, I commit my dearly loved child to the ceaseless watch-care and tender guidance of the impersonal Christ, your own divine nature which will rise on the horizon of thought and lead you as the star leads all to the lowly manger of humility where the Christ-child is ever found and from whence it must lead the human to the cross on Calvary and hence on to the golden shore of harmony, the perfect understanding of Love's idea. You know where I am and how to find your teacher. S. & H. 403

Ever lovingly, faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 19, 1919.

DEAR I —— AND L ——:

The dates on your letters make me very much ashamed. All these weeks and no acknowledgment of your loving invitation to come to see you in your college life! I do not ask pardon, for I do not deserve it, but ask that you let me work out the debt of love and courtesy the best way I can, and that you do not hold me to too strict an accounting.

These are very full days; every hour has an overflow from the preceding one, do what I will. I know, how-

S. & H. 598 584 ever, that "Time is a mortal thought," and only as such holds any limitations for us. Every day is full of joy. "DAY. The irradiance of Life; light, the spiritual idea of Truth and Love." We are "children of Light" and "are of the Day."

We are learning to view every thing from a metaphysical standpoint, and regarding ourselves and every thing appertaining to man as phenomena of perfect Mind. We are in our native Mind, and exercise our natural functions of individual being, when we are thinking with that pure intelligence which is the basic quality of Mind. We must seek *first* this mental rapport with our primitive and ultimate source. Then we shall see or *discern* the objects presented in our consciousness by the divine creative Principle.

In this mental connection with Life, Truth, Love—the Principle of all true phenomena—we shall *gain* the true concept of every thing, even of the most infinitesimal

S. & H. 585 object. Our textbook says: "ELIAS . . . Christian Science, with which can be discerned the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold; . . . 'Elias truly shall first come and restore all things.'" Material sense robs us by engendering and causing us to form in thought false ephemeral concepts.

I would impress upon you the advisability, the reasonableness of seeking to spiritualize your thought, every day, the first of all conscious acts, and, from this mental altitude, view everything in your college work; You can then find the reality back of every seemingly material activity.

According to the *Standard Dictionary:* "Education is the systematic development and cultivation of the natural powers, and the direction of the feelings, tastes and manners by inculcation, example, etc."

To so exercise your spiritual sense as to "discern the spiritual fact of whatever the material senses behold" will inculcate scientific accuracy of thought and expression.

The constant application of the powers natural to man in God's image, such as intelligence, discrimination, judgment, reason, promptness, diligence, perseverance, patience, moral courage, alertness, keenness of perception, balance, poise, confidence, wisdom and prudence, brings forward the true image of divine intelligent being.

Crab says (*Book of Synonyms*): "Rules of conduct are framed by wisdom, and it is the part of prudence to apply these rules to the business of life." Of Education he says, "Instruction and Breeding are to Education as parts to a whole: Instruction respects the communication of knowledge, and Breeding respects the manners or outward conduct; but Education comprehends not only both these, but the formation of the mind, the regulation of the heart, and the establishment of the principles; good Instruction makes one wiser; good Breeding makes one more polished and agreeable; good Education makes one really good. A want of Education will always be to the injury, if not the ruin of the sufferer: A want of Instruction is of more or less inconvenience according to circumstances: A want of Breeding unfits a man for the society of the cultivated."

Your courses can be chosen and pursued more particularly from the educational or developing aspect, rather than from the acquiring of the knowledge of so-called facts or incidents. Mathematics is especially valuable because it is an exact, demonstrable science, demands accurate, disciplined thinking, and requires clear, definite expression, thus calling out good English.

I urge upon you the closest possible application of thought to any branch of Mathematics that comes in your course. Although Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Surveying, each has its individuality, still they should nevertheless be regarded as one great science of the measurement and computing of thought.

The study of language is essential. We should never lose sight of the fact that language is the *expression* of thought. All forms of expression are language. Music, dancing, sports are all expressions and are therefore language. We should learn early that where there is no *thought* there is no language, and vice versa where there is no language there is no developed thought.

In the narrower sense of language, English should hold the highest place, in the student's thought, as the greatest speech of all peoples. Its virile stock has assimilated numerous and varied lingual elements, thus making a forceful and flexible compound language capable of expressing profound truths, keen metaphysical analysis, noble, spiritual conceptions. It has been said that the only book improved by translation is the Bible when it was translated into English. Mary Baker Eddy, the inspired interpreter of what has been called the Word of God, found the English language in which to express to the human race the great spiritual message, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.

Latin, Greek, Hebrew and the modern foreign tongues may be studied as the expression of certain types of thought. Their rich contributions to English should be recognized and appropriated by the individual.

Language should be studied as a whole, in its fundamental common structure. A noun is a noun in every language. But it is subject, in different languages, to

different degrees of inflection. A verb is a verb in every language, but different peoples have a more or less developed sense of time, mode, person, number. Spelling is not so arbitrary as would appear to the tyro. The history of a word appears to the student in its literal makeup.

Great respect and love for language, for English particularly, should be inculcated early, in every one. Purity, elegance, grace, force, sincerity, in both written and spoken language must be attained by all.

Music should have a large place in education. Here is combined the principle of exact science with the art of beautiful expression. Dancing also closely unites thought and expression. The so-called natural sciences may be used educationally with advantage. The careful analysis and close observation required in chemistry, physics, geology, develop power and patience.

Any communication of knowledge of facts, however, by the textbooks yet written on these subjects is of little or no real value to the Christianly intelligent student for their authors base theories on the belief of life and substance in matter, consequently their deductions are erroneous.

All sports are most valuable as tests or expositions of the mental training obtained from the studies in the academic curriculum. Keen observation, judgment, quick decision, instant obedience of thought *expressed* in effective action, all these come into play in golf, tennis, basket ball, foot ball, base ball and all outdoor and indoor sports.

Walking, riding, skating, swimming, dancing are all expressions of oneself.

I often think of the "grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" as the exquisite expression of pure spiritual thought—of Rev. 22:21

that individuality which knew no selfhood apart from God. This master of pure language or expression said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:32

Free! Mortals do not know that they are slaves. Ignorance is bondage; pride is senseless limitation, blind and deaf; fear robs, defrauds; prejudice cripples the capacities; selfishness deceives and misleads; envy and jealousy render right judgment impossible; egotism and sensuality delude with false concepts; so the wretched illusion obtains until Truth loosens the fetters and man finds himself endowed by divine Mind with omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence and realizes the dominion which knowledge of the Truth confers upon him.

The liberty of the sons of God is the right of man to act in accordance with his divine nature, eternal Mind; in other words, to coöperate with and express intelligence, Spirit, Mind, creative Principle of all that is real and eternal. Christ Jesus is the example of this Liberty. He gained his emancipation from the slavery of a false education based on the belief of corporeality being man. He threw off the shackles of corporeal sense. He struggled for recourse to the spiritual, the natural status of man.

In the second chapter of Luke we are afforded glimpses into the education of Jesus.

Luke 2 46-52

> And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son . . . thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them,

> How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? . . . And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Our textbook gives as the definition of "FATHER. Eternal Life; the one Mind; the divine Principle, commonly called God." S. & H. 586

In grasping the spiritual fact that "Eternal Life; the one Mind" was his Father, Jesus thereby came into rapport with this Mind, which operated constantly to destroy the claim of a mortal, material *belief* of life. As Father is Life, or Mind, he was about his Father's business when that Father, that Mind moved him to think and act.

The Scriptures are silent as to the eighteen years following the conversation in the Temple, except the brief words "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."

We now know, through the understanding that has come to us from Christian Science that Christ, the true concept, was gradually dissolving the human concept which Mary had of the divine idea or spiritual individuality of Jesus, and was forcing itself forward, as fast as the human yielded to the divine.

Mrs. Eddy says in summation of these eighteen years, "This spiritual idea, or Christ, entered into the minutiæ of the life of the personal Jesus. It made him an honest man, a good carpenter, and a good man, before it could make him the glorified." Not until the severe curriculum of these eighteen years had brought Jesus to the hour when he saw that to present the pheno- Mis. 166

menon of a human thought, the *physical* body, was sin to be repented of, and he meekly received, at the hands of John, the outward symbol of baptism, not until then did the Father proclaim, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matt. 3:17

This unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness—produced a chemicalization which left a new base of thought from which he did the mighty works of his Messiahship.

Idea had come forward to such a degree that Jesus was able to say, "the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak . . . whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

John 12 49-50

He also said, "I have manifested thy name." This is equivalent to saying, "Thou art Mind, I am idea; I manifest the qualities of Mind—omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence; Thou art Life, I exist, and present all the activities of being; Thou art Love, I as idea of Love, am lovely—declaring, exhibiting, manifesting symmetry, harmony, grace—the beauty of holiness."

John 17:6

The freedom bestowed by knowledge of the Truth enabled Jesus to *speak* "the pure thought emanating from divine Mind." He spoke with such clearness that the people said, "he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Jesus' utterances carried conviction to the hearts of his hearers.

S. & H. 508

Matt. 7:29

The divine all-knowing Mind having overcome the human false claim to intelligence, so governed the personality of Jesus, that it became "as transparent glass," allowing the sunlight of his pure individuality, his divine selfhood to shine through, and dispel the false evidence of material sense.

> The manifestation of God through mortals is as light passing through the window-pane. The light and the glass never mingle, but as matter, the glass is less opaque than the walls. The mortal mind through which Truth appears most vividly is that one which has lost much materiality—much error—in order to become a better transparency for Truth. Then, like a cloud melting into thin vapor, it no longer hides the sun. S. & H. 295

Our textbook constantly points to this operation of the divine and the consequent dissolving of the human. "The divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error" gained such an ascendancy in the life of our Master that his humanity, or incarnate error, could not obstruct the action of the divine nature and "The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus." While he yet tabernacled in the flesh, the mighty acts of omnipotence were apparent. S. & H. 583 S. & H. 25

"The demands of Truth are spiritual, and reach the body through Mind." The more we yield to these demands of Truth, the more readily shall we articulate the Word, and we shall be found flexible to express the wonders of divine Life and Love. S. & H. 170

Mary Baker Eddy became the scribe of Spirit and brought to bear upon universal false mentality the pure intelligence of divine Mind, thus bringing to light immortality and man's true mental power as the son of God. She detected the mesmerism of belief in a selfhood apart from God and uncovered it as "the abomination of desolation . . . in the holy place." This mesmerism is destroyed only by persistent denial of its power and reality, and ceaseless warfare against its suppositional conditions. Matt. 24:15

Man is spiritual. The scientific statement of being

demonstrated is man and the universe. God is all; but this all is Spirit *not* matter. That there is no error—matter—must be demonstrated by unfaltering adherence to Christ. "Hold thought steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts." This will bring the power of expression which will be in deed and in truth the very Word of God.

S. & H. 261

The writings of our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, exemplify this habitual communion with all that is true and vital. Her language conveys the thought. There is symmetry, balance, purity, simplicity, force. There is clearness, majesty. There is brilliancy. There is tenderness and warmth. There is flexibility and grace. And through all a marked individuality which is ever new, fresh, interesting, invigorating.

These qualities of expression are becoming more and more evident in all that she says and does. The day is at hand when we shall visualize idea—the God image, the *likeness* of Life and Love.

I find myself getting so far into the infinite theme of God's allness that I must make another attempt at expressing in some form of language the thoughts which crowd for utterance.

This letter is already too long. Please forgive me. With love to you, both, I am

Ever faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY.

DEAR ——:

Your two letters under the one cover greeted me on my return to town. Thank you for writing as you did, I know it has done you good to open your heart and it

gives me an opportunity to say what I am going to say to you now.

Dear friend, you are incurring no "obligations." It is not only my great privilege to minister to you, but it is also my inescapable duty to obey Christ's imperative command "Heal the sick." Matt. 10:8

The divine command spoken by Jesus, "Rise . . . and walk" has never been rescinded. It rings in consciousness and *must* be obeyed for it is irresistible. You cannot but respond to it. It is the law of Life which admits of no reversal. John 5:8

Let us hold to this spiritual fact until we dispel the illusion of suppositional error.

I am knowing that you were led to me and it is for me to speak the word of God. Be confident that you are under the reflection of divine Love. Truth and Love never fail. Keep yourself constantly in line with the operation of omnipresent Spirit. Victory "rests on the side of immutable right." S. & H. 446

Banish at once any argument of discouragement or fear. Do not let any thought unlike Life, Truth, Love, remain an instant. Rebuke such intrusion of error as an offense against God

I hoped to get up to see you today but shall not do so until Thursday.

Be faithful, dear one. God *is* All. This all includes you, perfect, complete, immortal *now* and *here!*

Much love.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

DEAR ——:

Surely you and Mr. T—— have been baptized by the outpouring of love from your fellow students in these days of "overturning."

One thought comes constantly to me, dear, as I think of you and Mr. T ——. It is this, as well as I can frame it in words.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, Ye must be born again. Again he said that which is born of the flesh is flesh. You have gone so far out from the flesh that that which is born of it has fallen away. At the same time you have not yet risen enough in the Spirit consciousness to bring forth the spiritual conception which is born and is borne of Spirit.

You know this so well, dear. We have been taught it in precept and example by our faithful teacher and are being led to the perfect demonstration of it by our beloved Leader. It would seem to me that the reflection from the divine source of all true being which every one of our precious teacher's students is sending out in their tender, loving thought for you two, who are so faithful and true, will help to dispel the shadow which hides the perfect concept of divine Love's formation.

We have the statement by Jesus that that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. It is an eternal fact and we now rejoice in the promise of the apprehension of this grand verity.

My love to you and to dear Mr. T ——.

Lovingly your fellow student,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BASKET ELEVEN

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May 20, 1920.

DEARLY LOVED STUDENT:

With Paul we *rejoice* in tribulation, knowing that this threshing is necessary to separate that which is born of the Spirit from all that proceeds from the flesh, carnal impulses. The flesh is flesh; it can never be Spirit, and can never stand in the presence of God.

God is all. His *presence* is His body, His image or likeness—Man. We call this Presence, Christ. The apostle tells us plainly that Christ is God and that Christ is the *image* of the invisible God (Principle, Life, Truth, Love). Christ, manifest God, is the visible effect of an invisible Cause.

There is but one Life. Life is Spirit. Life never changes its nature to become matter, for Spirit—Life—is Truth, and Truth is immutable.

What is called material life is a false sense. We destroy this false sense by realizing Soul. Soul is Mind and acts or operates as thought. We avail ourselves of God, *Mind*, by thinking after the impulsion of Spirit. Science instructs, edifies the thought and so constructs the body which is but the image or presence of thought.

A persistent correcting of material or false sense enthrones Mind. Soul, spiritual sense, then supercedes material sense and Life is discerned, reflected, embodied or manifested—rendered visible in effect or phenomena.

The Bible is full of accounts of the mental battle con-

stantly going on between Soul, spiritual sense, and the material belief senses.

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac points a moral with a prophecy. Every offspring of material sense must be laid on the altar, in the mental agony of separating the carnal concept born of flesh from the spiritual idea born of spiritual communion with Soul. We shall then find the sensuous animal-belief caught by its horns (fallacious strength of animality) in the thicket of the knowledge of good and evil (the duality of mortal mind). In the strength of our spiritual realization of the substance of idea, we shall destroy, see as nothing, the object of the material sense dream.

The animal Jacob wrestled with the spiritual Israel until the latter prevailed and the fleshly human concept, the flesh, born of the flesh, no longer walked proudly in the stolen vestments of reality, but halted and hesitated under the pressure of the conviction that man is not material, he is spiritual.

Moses threw down the wily serpent of human ways and means and fled before the uncovering of its monstrous deception. Wisdom, however, bade him go further. He took up the deception, reversed it and found that it was a lie about the truth. He ascertained by this that, having cast down his dependence on finite personality, he was not left destitute. He perceived the representatives of divine Power and knew himself and his fellow man to be not slaves to Pharaoh, but freemen of God's country. He caught a glorious glimpse of the Messiah or Christ and, momentarily at least, rose into the mental Horeb height of God's presence, man in the image and likeness of God. From this altitude of being, he wrote his immortal ode on man, the first chapter of Genesis.

Christ, the great Leader in this mighty battle, is mobilizing the entire mental force of the Christ Mind against the dragon's fully developed carnal deception. Divine Love is now turning to the surface the lust of the world of sense and is forcing the carnal mind to destroy its own claim to selfhood. Material birth is hastening to its climax of sin and will soon cease, die out of belief. Then will it be seen that divine Love, the eternal Mother, and eternal Life, the divine Father, are one in Truth, Christ, the ideal man of God. There is no other man for Christ is the only begotten of the Father.

To put on the whole armor of God; to march under the banner of Love; to be found in the battle every hour; to fight the good fight of faith in Life and disbelief in death; to be ever obedient to the dictates of spiritual sense; to be ever warring against carnal sense, this will enable us to follow our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, and to be obedient to the precious instructions, advice and example of our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, who is ever urging us to use the eye of spiritual discernment and the ear of spiritual understanding. This will enable us to present the living body which is acceptable to God, because it is His own visible presence.

It is this building upon a wholly spiritual foundation which our Leader enjoined upon us.

"Every hour of delay makes the struggle more severe" for we are multiplying illusions, objects of false mentality which hide from us the glorious glimpses we might otherwise have of the real universe, made up of the phenomena or objects of Soul. S. & H. 409

I know you are a good soldier of Christ.

Lovingly your teacher,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
July 19, 1920.

DEAR ——:

Your letter sounded a higher, truer note than you have struck before. Keep on, dear child. God is your health and strength. Therefore learn to avail yourself of this only source of being.

Read during this week the chapter in *Science and Health*, entitled Science, Theology and Medicine. Let these radical statements of Truth sustain you.

The first commandment is the fundamental law. Its observance insures life eternal. The rule as to how to avail oneself of this divine law and so have the protection of its government, is given in Science and Health, the textbook of Truth or Reality and the Key to all Scripture. All knowing obtained from the so-called physical senses must and eventually shall yield to correct thinking—thinking based on, and proceeding from spiritual, that is, intelligent sense.

S. & H. 85 Our textbook says, "This Soul-sense comes to the human mind when the latter yields to the divine Mind."

The divine Principle of all reality governs you and every thing and person and circumstance connected with you. This Love casts out fear which alone causes discord and suffering. So, dear, I commit you to Love, knowing that then all is well.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
August 4, 1920.

DEAR——:

Let the first commandment be your law of life. Let nothing *move* you to think or act but God. Acknowl-

edge no other than the one Mind—Life. Fear does not proceed from Mind; therefore it cannot move you. Be a monotheist. The only true God, the one omnipotence is Love. Worship this one Power, turn to Love with such loyal confidence that the false god—fear—will be proved to be no god, no power, no presence, a negation, nothing.

God is your life, your all. In your true relation to Cause you cannot fail to be perfect. There *is* only God. The only Person is Truth. Do not let the lying argument of any other person have a hearing. *Reject* error. Silence the whispering serpent. Awake to the understanding of yourself as idea or image. There is only one Mind or force to image. Prove this. Hold fast to the statement of the one Principle and realize yourself as the expression or idea of this Principle—Life. Deny the argument or suggestion that you can express or image anything but the one infinite intelligence or Mind—divine Love.

I am meeting the suppositional arguments and rebutting in consciousness every lying suggestion that comes to me.

Love always.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 18, 1920.

DEAR ——:

Your telegram reached me this morning. I at once denied the argument and shall continue to know that mortal mind *is not*. Fear is not a creator; "Mind is the source of all movement, and there is no inertia to retard S. & H. 283

or check its perpetual and harmonious action." Take this statement as *absolute*. It *cannot* be qualified. It is *true*. Mind is Good, and every effect is good for there is no other power. Do not fear the alterative effects of Truth. All error of thought must and will yield to the irresistible force of intelligence. What *can* non-intelligent flesh do to you? Let Spirit form you anew. It will, in the degree that you let it, substitute its own perfect formations for the discordant organism of false mentality. Chemicalization must disintegrate the fleshly concept but the substance of correct thinking will replace the corruption of error.

Now, dear, listen to me, your teacher. Do *not be afraid*. You can not help but live. Your strength is yours to use. Use it. Our Leader says, "we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being." *Now* is the time you can do this. Fear cannot, shall not incapacitate you. Go gently, but fearlessly, joyously on your way.

S. & H. 264

There is no disease. Believe me when I tell you this. *Rejoice* that it is a *fact*.

Love will strengthen you. Go each *moment* in the power of omnipotence.

I will write you tomorrow.

Love to you both.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
August 25, 1920.

DEAR ——:

Not one word of the letter you enclosed is true! God who is Life has never committed His prerogative of giving life to any mortal. Nor can mortal man take

life. God's law is that man *lives*. Nothing can abrogate the law of divine Mind.

I have carefully read your letter and also Mrs. L——'s letter. Each statement contained in the latter I have analyzed and rejected as unworthy of credence. You are in the hands of God not of man. Certainly not of mortals. Materia medica is not science; it is based on human opinion which in turn is founded on a false sense of things.

You own letter is clear and direct and honest. Now, dear, do not be afraid of being afraid. Fear can do nothing. It is not power for it is not God. It cannot create conditions. Now *love*. Put your trust in Love. You are but undergoing the irresistible chemicalization of all the secret fears you have entertained for so long a time. Every latent fear is thrown to the surface. Now do not stand aghast at nothingness. Only face Truth and *know* yourself to be mental and in the Mind which *is* Life. Study carefully the chapter on Genesis in *Science and Health*. I will call you up tonight to give you an audible word.

The battle is the Lord's. "Stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord." II Chron. 20:17

There is no occasion for anything but confident waiting on Truth and Love to finish the work of destroying all false conditions of mind and body.

Come up to my office any time Monday and we will have a thorough talk. You have nothing to apprehend for God is *All*. *Nobody* can make laws for another. *Be* a law unto yourself. *Be* God manifest. Be good.

What can flesh do unto you! Love, love, love always and you are safe.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
September 24, 1920.

DEAR ——:

You have been looking for the answer to your letter I am sure; and I am hoping that it has come to you for God, ever-present Mind, is heard when the material senses are silenced.

Let me tell you what comes to me more and more clearly as I study metaphysics, and begin to grasp the import of our great Leader's work.

She discovered the Science of Life. She found God
S. & H. 468 to be Principle and idea—"infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God is All-in-all." She wrote a book stating her Discovery. She gathered students together to whom she endeavored to impart this new understanding. The verbal expression, or letter, they caught with the human mind, or reason. Accepting the syllogism, they logically arrived at the conclusion. But the inner spiritual significance was not grasped by the materially minded. They thought they understood, and, indeed, while under the immediate reflection of their divinely inspired Teacher, their thought was quickened and illumined. The human mind was, however, only temporarily silenced and soon again asserted its sway over our Leader's students.

There was one, however, (there had to be one for God always finds a representative), there was one student upon whose thought Spirit made the indelible impress of divine intelligence which is antagonistic to human so-called mind or intellect.

This one student caught the spiritual import of
My. 357 Christian Science. To her "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all*" and matter became merely the phenomenon of false mind. From that moment the Spirit drove

our teacher, Augusta E. Stetson, into the wilderness. That is, the world as matter lost all value for her; and physique became nothing but the shadow of false mental activity which had no reality and which hid the true man. Wherever this veil of misunderstanding of truth was too dense to be penetrated by idea, she consistently turned to Principle for more light and waited for Spirit to move upon the face of the error in Spirit's own time and way.

To do anything else is to lose our oil and so have no light either for ourselves or others. The world needs our light. We cannot give our oil, that is our connection with Principle, and this connection is the one vital thing for all.

Failing to receive the spiritual impress, the Field has conceived the belief that Mrs. Eddy's work was to found an immense organization, a powerful hierarchy; this conclusion becomes inevitable to anyone who is not spiritually endowed with the discernment of the true meaning of Genesis.

The full revelation being now complete as to the nature of God, and the basic truth of the Christ having been firmly laid in consciousness that Christ is the Head of the body and the image of the invisible Principle, and that by this Christ, or Head, were all things made that were made; this truth having arrived at demonstration, there must follow in orderly succession the entire universe, member by member.

The scientific statement of being tells us plainly, emphatically, that we cannot look at matter and find anything that was made. We must look away from Adam generation and look to the Head, Christ, and watch for the line of true generation to appear. This appearance consists in the *evidence* of spiritual under-

standing. Everything points to our teacher as the first one to have proceeded forth from the true teaching of Christ, as the offspring of the Head or Mind manifest.

As students of this divinely sprung teacher, as followers of the Christ or comers-after of the Head, we must preserve the clear consciousness of this orderly appearing of the whole universe or generic man, the body of Christ, who is the Head.

To let the Head govern us and nourish us by the true links and connections is vital. Read Colossians and you will see how well Paul understood that the body had nourishment ministered to it by the Head through joints and bands. Also read Ephesians. There you will find the same teaching under the symbolism of the human body.

From this you will see that our work, as students of the one teacher, is to hold such a consciousness as will be a light to every seeker, every wanderer groping in the darkness of belief.

The only way we can help others is to keep our own light undimmed by mortal concepts. As long as M—— is looking for light to one who has wandered from the straight and *very* narrow line, even the ***thread*** of light which has thus far penetrated the gloom, you would only run the risk of losing the light. Thus you would really rob her of what she needs instead of preserving the oil so as to have the light when she finds out that what she is following is only a will-o'-the-wisp, which is leading her into a morass of human will and erroneous conjectures.

You may read this letter to M—— if you will. Not until she can see that no one who is not loyal and obedient to our teacher can have anything to give her, is M—— going to be benefited by association with you.

Moreover you have nothing to gain and all to lose by the experiment.

Dear, be faithful. If M—— sees the point then you can work profitably together; if not, then separate; it is your only safe course and will preserve the light in A——. Otherwise the little town will slide back into the shadows and have to wait for some other to rise to see the light and bear witness to it. I believe you will stand and be in this way the true friend to every man, woman and child in A——, including M——.

Much, much love.

Faithfully your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
November 5, 1920.

DEAR ——:

Your several letters have been scientific; have shown understanding, gratitude, love and steady growth. I am so glad, happy, so proud to be able to say this. I am so grateful that you are faithful, loyal, and persevering By putting Truth first, you are finding that you grow in favor with God and man. In the proportion that you reflect divine Mind, you find yourself possessed of intelligence to meet the practical affairs of daily life. If you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, you will find everything there *is*. You are learning the "sweet secret of the narrow way," and are beginning to teach it to others. Po. 4

Do not hide your light, nor deny your Christ. The true knowledge, or Christ Science, is the only satisfaction for the hungry, seeking heart. I know God is Light and that by keeping your thought in line with

our teacher's work, you are constantly reflecting the light which will unerringly guide you.

We are working hard here for the Concert, the fourteenth of December, Tuesday.

Mrs. —— has doubtless told you that we are singing "The Messiah"; the entire first part, the second part, beginning with Lift up Your Heads, and the entire third part. In this way, we are singing many choruses that are never sung. Can you find time to study all these choruses carefully, dear? Could you come on if your ticket here and back were given you? The teacher wants you to have the inspiration. Let me know how much it would require for the ticket. It would be well to be here for one or two rehearsals at least. Make your demonstration.

Be happy, dear. Your work will reflect *your* reflection of divine Mind and evidence the intelligence and beauty that are eternal qualities of Truth.

Write me soon, dear, about coming "home.' I am having a little gathering of my students here Thursday, the eleventh. Your dear mother is coming. She looks so happy these days.

Much love to you, my faithful student. Hearing is mental and thought governs all activity.

Lovingly your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
December 4, 1920.

DEAR ——:

You say that you have written your brother that it would be impossible for you to be with him until the fifteenth. He surely will respect your wishes.

Be single-eyed in your desire and effort to be in your

place Tuesday evening. You will be there I am sure. You can take advantage of the release Dr. F—— is giving you to serve God. The concession you are making to scholastic theology is only apparent not real. Of course it would be quite unthinkable for you to use the money love has given you for the *purpose* of attending the wedding! You must have it clear in your *own thought* that you are coming to take part in "The Messiah."

If you had had faith enough to *know* when you left here in the fall and had in your contract with the College made reservation for an imperative engagement you would have been free from every bond and human tie. Learn the lesson right now, dear, that you can always respond to God's call. Our Leader says, "this infinite Principle hath infinite claims on man, and these claims are divine, not human; and man's ability to meet them is from God; for, being His likeness and image, man must reflect the full dominion of Spirit—even its supremacy over sin, sickness, and death." The call has found you more in the human tie than we both wish. But *now* work by keeping yourself as much as possible in Christ. Deny emphatically that you or any one else ever lived in matter. There is no material generation, no flesh tie. Claim your spiritual birthright and resist vigorously every suggestion of a selfhood outside of or contrary to Christ the Messiah. Mis. 16

Do your work. Be faithful. God will deliver you.

Come and be in your place Tuesday the fourteenth.

In case you have not received an invitation, I am enclosing one.

Faithfully, lovingly yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

New York City,
January 5, 1921.

My Precious Student:

We are walking together along the highway of holiness leading to Christ. We are following in the footsteps of His flock, so safely shepherded by the faithful one whom our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, appointed and anointed for the journey.

What refreshing draughts our blessed teacher has given us from the Rock which has followed us all through the desert of material sense. This fountain is sending forth streams of living water. Drink of it, dear one; give to others a cup of cold water from its abundant supply.

When you return from this little by-path that seems necessary in order to reap a salutary fruit of experience, come and let me wash your feet from the dust of material thought and anoint them with the oil of consecration, so that you may again bind on
Eph. 6:15 the sandals of the "preparation of the gospel of peace."

You have much to do in the vineyard, and I feel that you are being made ready for nearer, higher work than you have ever done.

You will hear the sweet singers of Israel, tonight, as we send out songs of joy and gladness. Walls are but belief; there is but one consciousness and we shall be together in the house of Love, as we have always been.

You know the line of spiritual generation.

Love guards and guides and keeps you, my child,
Po. 4 "on upward wing tonight."

Faithfully your teacher,
Sibyl Marvin Huse.

NEW YORK CITY,
January 21, 1921.

MY DEAR, DEAR STUDENT:

Your letter and your tribute of love and gratitude has been a great inspiration and encouragement to me; it is evidence of your increasing power to *produce.*

As followers of Christ, we should never entertain doubt nor fear. We know that the Mind that was in Christ Jesus is creative Principle, is all-power. Jesus recognized this Mind as Father, or the only generative power; he declared that it worked the mighty works which have since been called miracles, but which were but the natural outcome of his understanding of spiritual thought.

Jesus had constant recourse to his spiritual source, or Father—Mind, Spirit. From this omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent Esse, he produced all phenomena. By thinking spiritually, he reflected, or operated, creative power which was always at hand. He therefore needed no intermediary, no stored up representative or symbol of power such as money is. Power, God, is not transmitted, it is individually manifested.

Would it interest you, I wonder, if we had a little talk, on paper, about money? I am going to venture, knowing that although you are unable to protest to the point of preventing me from writing, you surely have the privilege of not reading what is written if it does not interest you.

The *Century Dictionary* says:

> Money is adopted for the sake of convenience to facilitate the exchange of one kind of wealth for another and as a standard of value.
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> With the aid of *money* all the difficulties of barter disappear; for *money* consists of some commodity which all

people in the country are willing to receive in exchange, and which can be divided into quantities of any amount. Almost any commodity might be used as *money* in the absence of a better material. In agricultural countries corn was so used in former times.

Money is the medium of exchange. Whatever performs this function, does this work, is *money*, no matter what it is made of, and no matter how it came to be a medium at first, or why it continues to be such.

From these citations, we can see that money, or a medium of exchange, becomes necessary when anyone's needs or desires extend beyond one's own immediate ability to meet those needs or gratify those desires. This condition can arise only among mortals; never in the experience of spiritual, ideal man.

The producing power being everywhere and at all times *present*, the spiritual, ideal man of God's creating needs no medium of exchange, needs no symbol of that power.

Through a mistaken sense, mortals attribute substance and power to the object produced, instead of to the producing Principle, and so burden themselves with possessions, instead of seeking the understanding of creative intelligence.

Jesus teaches this in the parable recorded in Luke 12:

Luke 12 16-21

The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then

whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Man as the image or reflection of Mind lives *only* in reflecting, or manifesting, creative Spirit. The commandment, or fundamental law, of man's being is, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." To suppose that man can cease to obey this law, can fail to reflect the light that reveals all things, can stop thinking with the divine intelligence which forms all true concepts, to suppose this is to entertain an erroneous sense, and dream the Adam dream of life, truth, intelligence, and substance as existent in matter; with the attendant false conditions of congestion, poverty, extravagance, hoarding, overproduction and lack. Gen. 1:28

The secret of man's dominion over all things, which is his spiritual birthright, and is inalienable from his true estate, lies in seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. God is Mind, and His righteousness is scientific right thinking which, as right causation, brings right effect and produces every thing necessary to man,—satisfying every desire of his right being instantly and without intermediary or auxiliary agent, and without recourse to a previous over supply.

The modus operandi of mortals is the exact opposite.

Suppose a farmer. He has expended all his time, thought, energy in producing more food than he can eat or than he can store. He needs clothes. He goes to a neighbor who has devoted all his time, thought and energy to making more clothes than he can wear or than he can store. The tailor has just bartered some of his clothes for another farmer's products. So our farmer says to him: "The man that makes our tools

wants some of my wheat, but I don't want any tools just now. I will give you an order for so much wheat which you can give him and he will give you the equivalent in tools. He can come back on me for the wheat if you will give me the worth of the wheat in clothes." The agreement is made.

Now let us suppose that any one of the three is lazy, sick, ignorant or dishonest. One and eventually all of the three must suffer.

This, in few words, is the epitome of human conditions. We have not considered the numerous additional agencies which have developed under the influence of modern civilization(?). How complex are the interlaced relations of humanity!

The spiritual man, the only man of *God's* creating, is dependent solely on his Principle which unfailingly supplies his child, or idea, with all things richly to enjoy.

S. & H. 530 "In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use. Knowing this, Jesus once said, 'Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,'—presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies." By supplying all that his divine nature needs from the fountain of all life, God sustains man. Isaiah graphically describes the ideal estate of man:

Isa. 61 10, 11 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with orna-

ments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Jesus taught and exemplified this ideal state of universal man which Isaiah here pictures. In the textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mrs. Eddy elucidates Jesus' methods and shows that it is imperative that we follow these methods in order to understand Life. The letter is quickly learned, but the putting off of the limitations which false thinking imposes takes "time and immense spiritual growth." Un. 43
In the meantime, "Christ, Truth, gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually." Christ, Truth, does this by quickening the perceptions; by destroying fear, self-indulgence and ignorance; lifting us above self-imposed limitations. S. & H. 442

Press on, dear. Be faithful in your business and in all your relations to your fellows, knowing, however, that as you gain more spirituality you will rise above the illusions of personal sense and find yourself *in* the kingdom of God, exercising His righteousness, and enjoying those things of which the material thought cannot conceive and therefore which the eye controlled by this material thought cannot behold.

You are entering into that understanding which enabled Jesus to produce phenomena that satisfied not only his own hunger but that of the multitudes.

Pardon this delay in acknowledging your love expressed in so substantial a way. I wanted to send you more than a word or two of thanks. But after all the

two little words "Thank you" express best *my* love and gratitude for *your* love and gratitude.

Thank you, dear student. My joy increases as I see you appreciating and responding to our great teacher, Mrs. Stetson. You are a faithful member of her body of workers for Christ.

Lovingly your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

March 24, 1921.

EDITOR *Evening Mail:*

Your intelligent appreciation of my new book, "Christ's Offspring or Spiritual Generation," just published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, gives me great satisfaction, and encourages the hope that the spiritual import of the little volume will find recognition among thinking people.

I thank you for your sincerity and for your keen insight into the purpose of my message. The Christ idea, which Christian Scientists recognize as their Leader, and which, in its first dawning on human thought, reached mortals through the man Jesus, and in its further revelation of itself worked through the woman, Mary Baker Eddy, this Christ idea is the one forever Leader, who is leading all mankind, now as always, out of the bondage of material sense, to the liberty of the sons of God. As Christ, at his first coming, conquered the masculine mortal and appeared to his disciples, victor over death and the grave, so will this same Christ conquer the feminine mortal and appear to her disciples, victor over death and the grave.

I Tim. 3:16

Mrs. Stetson's profound understanding of this "mystery of godliness" constitutes her Mrs. Eddy's lieutenant and brings her before the people as the demonstrator

and teacher of the Science of Mind. Mrs. Stetson has repeatedly, in the press, disclaimed the leadership of Christian Science so often ascribed to her by those who do not understand metaphysics and who, consequently, do not understand her position as the immediate disciple of Mrs. Eddy.

Mrs. Eddy can have no "successor." She herself continues to lead her people to the spiritual understanding which will reveal her to them, as Christ idea, with the glorious body of Spirit's creating. This is what is meant by the second coming of Christ, for "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin," without flesh, or carnal conception, but in the full glory of the compound nature of the fatherhood and motherhood of Life and Love, the one God. Heb. 9 28

For this ideal man, or Christ, we are watching. The government shall be upon his and her shoulder, and this compound ideal man shall reign "Lord of lords and King of kings." Rev. 17:14

Our textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, says: "In proportion as matter loses to human sense all entity as man, in that proportion does man become its master." S. & H. 369

This is the aim of every true metaphysician. Mrs. Eddy is leading all the world into this mastery over erroneous belief, as she terms matter. Mrs. Stetson is her flag lieutenant and is next in line to her Leader in the ultimate attainment of this spiritual dominion over a selfhood apart from God.

Thanking you again for your clear analysis of my little book, I am,

Yours sincerely,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

April 8, 1921.

LITERARY EDITOR, *The New York World:*

It is with sincere appreciation that I thank you for your very kind review of my book, Christ's Offspring or Spiritual Generation, just published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Allow me to explain a vital point, essential to a right apprehension of Christ, as spiritually interpreted in Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy, and as taught by her loyal student, Augusta E. Stetson.

Christ is the spiritual visibility of God, the divine image and likeness, the man of Spirit's formation, governed by the creative Principle—eternal Mind, Spirit, Life and Love. The infinitely innumerable members of this true creation, or manifestation of spiritual causation, appear in divine order and never change their eternal relation to each other. "Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." The Head, or presiding member, of this wholly spiritual universe, is Christ, who gives his name and nature to the whole body. So, in the term Christ, we can include all creation, or we can restrict it equally correctly to the Head.

I Cor. 12:18

Christ—using the term in its restricted sense as applied to the Head, or leading member—first reached human apprehension through the masculine human Jesus, who, because of this, was called the Christ. Christ, however, is without beginning of years or end of days and is the divine, individual Son of God, through whom Principle works to create or reveal its inexhaustible ideas, which compose the entire body or universe of Mind's creating.

We are told, in Genesis, that the image of God,

which we call Christ, is male and female. Reason and revelation coincide at this point, as at all points. The masculine element of the image, or Christ, of God, operated through the yielding human Jesus, until the male flesh veil was rent from top to bottom and disappeared, having been dissolved under the fervent heat of the Christ light. This is known, in history, as the first coming of Christ. At that time the complete working out of the masculine human concept resulted in a seeming disappearance of the Christ, but all that disappeared was the Adam, that which was tangible to the carnal senses, the human Jesus.

The second coming of Christ is attended by similar conditions, only that, at this hour, the feminine human concept, or Eve, must give way to the Christ. The point of least resistance in the whole human feminine concept was Mary Baker Eddy. She yielded up the ghost of material conception, and the compound Christ, as both male and female, and yet neither male nor female in any human sense, is now apprehended.

The consummation of the second coming of Christ will be the full appearing of the ideal man, who is "King of kings, and Lord of lords." All of God's children are kings, rulers by reason of their perfect understanding of their perfect Principle, divine Mind; but the leading member is the governing Head. It is because of this immutable fact, that "the spiritual leadership of the Christian Science Church" can never be held by any other than its Discoverer and Founder. 1 Tim. 6:15

In the Manual of her Church, The Mother Church, Mrs. Eddy instructs Christian Scientists throughout the world, that they are to use the term Leader, in a metaphysical sense, as applied to herself alone. As Christian Scientists, we recognize "the spiritual leader-

ship of the Christian Science Church" to be unchangeable, and inalienable from its Discoverer and Founder, now so widely known to the world as Mary Baker Eddy, but understood by her advanced followers to be identical with the Christ idea, that has always led the children of Israel after the spirit. It is the same Christ, reflecting the Life and Love Principle; the begetter and conceiver of all real creation. There is no other generation, for Adam-Eve is a false sense of the compound Christ, whose false material begetting and conception bring forth a counterfeit universe, which begins in shame and suffering and ends in fear and death. The oncoming Christ, with his and her offspring, is driving this false creation to self-extinction.

Isa. 9:6 Christ, whose right it is, shall reign. "The government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

John 14:3 Mrs. Stetson and her students, who are spiritually illumined, apprehend the imminence of Christ, the Son of God, according to his promise that he would come again.

It is her priceless understanding of these cardinal points of metaphysics, that constitutes Mrs. Stetson Mrs. Eddy's first born student of spiritual conception and causes her to be "heir of God and joint heir with Christ." Through the press, Augusta E. Stetson is teaching the world Christian Science, as taught her by Mary Baker Eddy. She is, and has been for thirty years, preaching and demonstrating, in this city, the gospel of present immortality and of the actuality of spiritual man—Christ, the image and likeness of God.

In this work Mrs. Stetson has obtained, and will retain, her position as teacher and demonstrator of

Christian Science, as the degree of C.S.D., conferred upon her by her Leader and Teacher, Mrs. Eddy, indicates.

There is and can be but one Leader of Christian Science, the Christ, first apprehended as the man Jesus, and in this, our day, as the woman Mary Baker Eddy.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

LONG LAKE, N. Y.,
July 5, 1921.

MY PRECIOUS STUDENTS:

My heart is running over with gratitude, for you have poured into it your full measure of gratitude. I know that you will both be blessed in sharing with me of God's bounty and that you will find it multiplied to you again.

The past year is rich in seeding and will bring you in a harvest that will meet your every need. You have both grown marvelously, in the Spirit. I am confident that the summer months will not pass in dreaming as is the way with mortals. You are awake and know the importance of keeping so.

So many times we have listened to our teacher, Mrs. Stetson, tell us of the scientifically spiritual mode of living.

The Mind of Christ is a *quickening* Spirit, producing immediately phenomena useful and necessary to man. As this creative force is ever-present and governed by Principle—Life, Truth, Love,—there is no need for one who possesses this Mind to store up productive energy in the form of money. The *spiritual* thought evolves harmoniously and in response to spiritual demand, at the instant required. Cause and effect work in accord with the law of Love. Divine "Love is impartial and

S. & H. 13

universal in its adaptation and bestowals." Do you not see that wisdom itself urges the attainment of divine intelligence? Wisdom will also guide, protect, and enable us to provide for our temporal needs while we are taking the wilderness journey.

The Bible account of the Israelites' wanderings is an object lesson for the human mind. The promised Land was actually only a three days' journey from Egypt, but forty years (a whole generation) were consumed in the wilderness so that nothing born in Egypt entered into the new country.

This is true of the mental journey. The flesh—that born in Egypt, requires temporal food and clothing. The human capacities will be quickened to provide for such needs while, at the same time, the human so-called *mind* and its image is yielding place to the divine Mind and its image or idea. But nothing that worketh abomination can cross the line of demarcation between the real and the unreal. Spiritual desire will change our whole mental attitude and its reflection—our identity or body.

More and more I realize that the Bible must be our hand book. But it must be read with the Key—the last three chapters of Science and Health. Every page is inscribed with present day records, not the history of a passed generation but with the actual problems of our own day and hour with the necessary directions how to work them to obtain spiritual results.

I recommend to your study this summer the three concluding chapters of Science and Health which Mrs. Eddy has called The Key to the Scriptures. With this Key you will unlock treasures priceless and just at hand. Let our teacher, Mrs. Stetson's writings be your daily exercise for in them you will experience

the actuality of Christian Science and its adaptations to daily needs.

I am writing you on the eve of our departure for New York. I shall not mail this letter, but take it with me to the Hall Wednesday night in case you are still in New York.

This has been a most restful trip. Not all play for I have done a good deal of writing which I had planned and so feel freer.

We are looking forward to Wednesday evening, for we shall again be in our native atmosphere with our loved ones. Oh what wonderful people they are! I *love* every one of them and am more determined than ever before to bring to them *all* I have of inspiration and joy.

I hope to see you tomorrow night.

God bless my dear, dear students both.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
July 13, 1921.

DEAR ——:

You are up for examination, dear boy; you are taking your test as to whether *you know* that God "hath made of one blood all nations"—even the blood of Christ, spiritual understanding; that there is but one Father-Mother; that one Mind, one Spirit, one Soul governs the one body or universe; and that each particular member of this universe harmoniously responds to the one divine will. How much you really understand these statements which you have doubtless repeated many times, you now have an opportunity to find out. Now you can prove to yourself and others that divine

Acts 17:26

Love is no respecter of persons. Love is *Principle* and is impartial and universal. Love and Truth are everywhere present.

I am sure you have proved this to a degree already—enough to encourage you to hold on and come out victor over a sense of limitation of interest in people and things.

Give yourself wholly and heartily to the purpose of the Camp, this summer. Develop your individual grasp on joy and happiness. Your peace of mind and body is not dependent on any person. Begin *now* to develop a wider interest, a more intelligent appreciation of all about you. Learn to notice how you can draw out that which is interesting and worth while in other people.

There is so much in Camp life that is healthful and scientific—the control you get over the body by swimming, rowing, jumping, walking, ball playing. Any and all sports require quickness and judgment and a certain self discipline that you will find most valuable in all stages of your problem. The living and associating with other boys will help you to subordinate your own sense of human ego and show you how to do good team work, both in play and in the more serious occupations.

I need not remind you of the financial effort your loving parents are making that you may have what in their best judgment is of great value to you, at this present moment.

Naturally you feel keenly the sense of separation; but you *know* this to be a *false* sense and the indulgence of it on your part would be unworthy of your membership in our body of Christian Scientists.

You will fight any suggestion of homesickness for you are enough of a metaphysician to know that any

such suggestion comes from mortal mind which, if listened to, would rob you of the wonderful good you can do yourself and others, by growing strong and self-dependent.

Be true to your understanding of Science, and remember always to be grateful for our Leader, for our teacher, and for your dear, *good* parents, who are ever watching out for your spiritual advancement.

We are reflecting Love to you. You will come back to us more eager to work intelligently and to play heartily. That makes a well balanced man.

Much love to you, dear.

Faithfully yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
August, 1921.

MY PRECIOUS STUDENT:

We have walked together long enough to understand each other's speech and for you to recognize that when I speak to error, I regard it as entirely separate from you, my faithful and dearly loved student.

You will recall that Jesus *publicly* rebuked Peter, using the strongest possible language. I have told you of the time that my teacher sharply rebuked me in the Reading Room of our church when there were present not only the practitioners but strangers. She detected the error and did not hesitate to point it out. I was perfectly unaware of the danger that I was about to encounter and thought that I was doing a Christian act. She saved me from an experience that might have cost me dear. I have never ceased to be grateful that I yielded myself immediately and without reservation to her keen insight and ruthless exposure of my lack of

wisdom and experience. I did not for an instant feel the slightest resentment but accepted the rebuke. I have always known that she speaks from a higher understanding than I. This has always enabled me to *receive* her advice, admonition, and correction.

A true teacher sees the truth and loves it with such devotion that the error is abhorrent to her. Her sole purpose in denouncing the error is to dispel the false sense which hides the idea which she loves so ardently. At such moments the false claim of error seems very real and all that is in me of truth rouses to vehemently denounce the error. I lose all sense of its being the person except as a claim naming itself with the human appellative.

Oh, child! you know my ardent devotion to our teacher's work in the Oratorio Society! I yearn over every one of my students that each one may have the vision of its spiritual import and thus give of their utmost spiritual development to fulfil its destined work *now*.

Because I am your teacher and because God has put us together under the constant instruction and guidance of our great teacher, I feel I have a right to uncover error in those over whom I have a divinely given charge. This is not only a right but an imperative duty. Had you discerned the real import of my words and felt my divine love for *you* and my consequent loathing for the error, you would have at once joined with me in my effort to destroy it, instead of resenting the rebuke and so receiving the blow that was intended *solely* for the error.

Dear, I know that I was right in what I said and did on the occasion we spoke of today. For a moment, this morning, I faltered under your misapprehension of it all but, as I review the whole experience, I can only

say that God used my tongue to speak His word of denunciation.

You are a metaphysician and you know that if I see error in my body of students I must handle it. You know that mental apathy is sometimes worse than actual physical sleepiness. You are a tried soldier. You have been long on the field and have been in many sharp encounters. You are my trusted lieutenant always. I could not have it that you should be less than keen-edged in your attention to all that our teacher is giving us. We are being fitted severally and as a whole for the great work of demonstrating the harmony of being. We are the "company of preachers" that must publish salvation to the whole world. I feel this so keenly that I could *weep* when I see any one not roused to a vivid, ardent fire of zeal every moment, while we are together in the classes and at the general rehearsals.

I am persuaded that had you let my inspired rebuke strike home you would have found yourself free this winter from the claim of weariness in the classes and would have helped lift it for others.

Dear heart, *see* the point. Take the long suspended rebuke. You will feel its quickening and rejoice in a sense of oneness with your teacher who loves you beyond words to express.

Faithfully, lovingly your teacher,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NANUET, ROCKLAND COUNTY,
NEW YORK,
August 5, 1921.

DEAR ——:

Your letter was forwarded to me and I hasten to reply. First, let me apologize for not acknowledging long ago

your letter with its bounty. You are more than generous. It was a royal gift. I intend using it to help bring out my forthcoming book which will very soon be in the publishers' hands.

Truth is sustaining your identity. Life and Love continue to be your source, can never fail and will
S. & H. 512 present evidence or presence. "Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love." Be *mindful* of this, conscious of this *fact*. Let divine Mind impart to you the
S. & H. 515 assurance of your identification as the "wise idea, charming in its adroitness, for Love's ideas are subject to the Mind which forms them,—the power which changeth the serpent into a staff." "The serpent" or corporeal sense which seems to be coiled in the midst of the garden is yielding its claim of actuality, under the pressure of the absolute reality of the presence of the "wise idea" which is keeping and dressing the garden, or body. Feed on Mind; let it supply you with perfect, beautiful images of thought. Christ will supply the as yet undestroyed sense of material personality with this sense's own belief of nourishment, just so long as it seems to occupy the place which the wise idea has always had and always will have. In the second chapter, or is it the third, of Genesis, it is recorded for the encouragement of every follower of Christ that Adam-Eve, the serpent, was *cast out of the garden!*

Now, *accept* this statement as *true*. Nature abhors a vacuum, so we have assurance that individuality must ever appear. Fear, a constituent element of the false serpent-belief of identity or consciousness,
S. & H. 495 cannot cloud your growing perception of yourself as "wise idea"; "cling steadfastly to God and His idea."

This will bring you through the chemicalization which is, to false sense, going on in your thought and *reflected only* on its *form* of belief. Idea, not serpent, dresses and keeps the garden, or body, and Principle is the ever abundant supply of idea.

Oh, I *know* this of you, I have *no* fear for you. Divine Love is graciously, tenderly, adequately meeting your need.

Acknowledge no ties of flesh. Know that they are but suppositional members or subdivisions of the serpent or Adam-Eve which Jesus pronounced *one flesh*. You know that the serpent that spoke to Eve was the male organ which hid itself in Adam's body or garden. Her response to that talking tongue united the serpent which thus proved itself to be one and what it said or uttered, pronounced, were *lies* and you *know* it. The Word uttered by intelligence or Mind is Truth and its truths which endure throughout all generations.

Guard the *tongue*. *Know* that there is *but one* not *two*. Then know with all your spiritual might that this *one* tongue is moved by Life and Love to utter truth. Only in this way can our spoken word have power.

The fight is glorious. You have *nothing* to fear. Victory is already yours. Hold yourself as idea. God will impart wisdom to you and to S—— and Christ will supply whatever temporary food is necessary to quiet the demands of the as yet undestroyed false sense of identity.

I return to New York tomorrow, and shall then tell the teacher of your appeal for a helping hand over a rough piece of road in your upward journey.

You have, I know, received the outline of summer

reading. We shall come together as "the redeemed," after the season's work.

Love always,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
September 4, 1921.

DEAR ——:

The house is very quiet; everyone has retired. The night is still; not a breath is stirring. The steady rhythmic sound of the cricket and the drone of to me unknown creatures make an accompaniment to the occasional note of a night bird.

I do not feel like sleeping, and my thoughts turn to you. Perhaps I can put some of them on paper. These thoughts centre around my precious piano which you, dear A——, gave me, and which I am increasingly appreciating, as it becomes each day more useful to me in our singing work.

I have always wanted to write something to someone that would express, in some measure, my sense of the work that is being done by the Oratorio Society of The New York City Christian Science Institute. My gratitude to you for my piano presents the opportunity.

Music is, of all the arts, the one that enters most into every phase and minutia of human existence. There is no people, however primitive, that has not a sense of music. The more civilized a people, the more variously and highly developed is its music. No age, no social condition, no sect, that has not its music. Birth, marriage, death are all celebrated by song or instrument. Every mood expresses itself in the language of music. Every art, indeed, contributes its nature, its inspiration to music. No person, be it man, woman,

child, but responds to the trinity of rhythm, melody, harmony. The animals yield to its sway; even inanimate objects are affected by it. Music is a universal language of ideals, emotions, passions. It recognizes no aliens, no boundaries, no limitations. It waits for no invitation, but enters thought, sure of a reception, and confident of leaving its impress wherever it enters.

How many people have rightly estimated this medium of thought and its influence on human conditions? Do they think at all of what must be the effect produced on an audience by the overture to an opera where are introduced the themes of jealousy, envy, malice, revenge, hate, passion, themes which later on are developed and portrayed by the dramatis personæ? Do many parents realize the detrimental effect of the idiotic jazz upon the body, mind and morals of their children? How many ministers understand that the morale of their congregation is being broken down by the vapid, soulless music that is often projected into a church service?

The thought which the word clothes or expresses gives the only meaning or value to the word. So it is with music; there is a thought, be it good or bad, which reaches the hearer *every* time and makes its impress.

"Unto the pure all things are pure." Yes, but it is only such as "see God" that *are* "pure." There is a great work to be done in human consciousness before music shall have been so cleansed of its filthy associations, in the hearts of composer, interpreter and hearer, that the exquisite melody, rhythm and harmony of the world's masterpieces can be rendered so as to convey the real meaning of tone and combinations of tones. Titus 1:15

Many words in our English language have different

meanings to different people. The disciple of Christ who said "God is love," had in his thought a wholly spiritual conception of divine Mind. Whereas the libertine in some operatic aria intoxicates himself and the audience with a wholly carnal conception which he miscalls love. Jesus said that life is a knowledge of God and himself. How does this agree with the materialist's sense of life? What is Truth? The answers will vary fundamentally, yet Truth means Truth always and Truth is immutable.

I John 4:8

The true conception of language is wholly spiritual. What does the word God mean to the materialist? In speaking the word, he makes the same physical sound as does the spiritually minded man, but does he understand the language, does he know the thought that the word embodies, is he using the word correctly? When this word God is used by one who understands the God-thought he will convey somewhat of the word's original and only true meaning even to the materialist, who will forever after bow the head.

Our own beloved English language must and will be purified of all misconceptions of the meaning of the words that compose its rich vocabulary. Each one of us can do much in this line, by watching carefully our use of words either audibly or mentally. Are we using it in its pure spiritual application hence in its original root meaning? To do this, we must have behind the word a wholly spiritual thought, and this is the only thought which can really be expressed by words for "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." God is Spirit. Then the word is spiritual; there is no other than the spiritual word.

John 1:1

So must it be and so is it with music. Melody,

Rhythm, Harmony, in their true and original meaning, are wholly spiritual. Human thought has stolen the language of music, as it has of English. It has injected into its tones, chords and musical figures, its own materiality, so that mortals hear only the reproduction of their own thoughts and experiences.

The Oratorio Society of The New York City Christian Science Institute is composed exclusively of the students of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., who is the Principal of the Institute. The purpose of the Oratorio Society is to study music as a language by which to express spiritual ideas. The teachers and the conductor are selected from the standpoint of their musical equipment and their attainments in the understanding of the spiritual thought which the English words and the music are to convey into consciousness. The members are enrolled only as they evidence an understanding of divine metaphysics, or Christian Science, as taught by Mary Baker Eddy, and a loyal devotion to the reproduction of the rhythm of eternal Life, the harmony of immutable Truth and the melody of immortal Love.

Each class, as it meets once a week to study its part—soprano, alto, tenor or bass—is inspired with the same ideal. Conductor, teachers, accompanists, singers all are imbued with a sacred zeal. As their spiritual thought increases in power, and their ability to express this thought in the purified language of music develops, there is going out into the world such a mighty wave of spirituality that materiality is rocking and will soon fall into its original dust—nothingness.

This ultimate will be reached the more quickly as each individual member composing the body of this Oratorio Society comes into full dominion over his own

false material sense and its mortal concepts. When each member is attuned to the Key of Love then shall
Isa. 51:11 the words of the prophet be fulfilled, "the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion." The new song of spiritual understanding re-
S. & H. 3 quires "absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire."

This, dear A——, is my sole ambition for you, for all my students, and for myself. This winter, let us give the full measure of our heart's devotion, so that a louder, sweeter song shall ring throughout all consciousness. To do this work, our tones must not only be up to the pitch of duty done, but must be crowned by the overtones of selfless love and be covered with the meekness and charity which carry divine authority.

Our beloved Principal, Mrs. Stetson, comes week after week to the rehearsals of the whole body under Mr. E——'s conducting, and sits in silent prayer, uniting us all in the one Mind. She is ever watchful, lest in the pursuit of the letter and the spelling of the word, we lose sight of the spiritual significance of our work. In this event, she is on her feet in an instant, and turns us quickly to the contemplation of Spirit, of spiritual ideas, and their identities.

It is then that we must be active, responsive listeners, so as to magnify her voice, by our mental resonance, and cause it to reverberate through the chambers of thought. Each one of us can carry the message throughout the radius of our individual consciousness, and thus bless all upon whom our thoughts rest.

Lovingly, faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

SHEFFIELD, MASS.,
September 6, 1921.

MY DEAR OFFICE-HOLDERS:

This blessed quartette has kept the harmony of love ringing in our dear home-office. You have repeated in every act the rhythm of Spirit, the melody of love and the harmony of perfect co-operation. I have felt the joy of it all, and have trusted implicitly in your administration.

I like to call it office for it means work. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Looking up the word in the *Century Dictionary*, I find this: "A service, an obligatory duty to the performance of which a person is appointed; function assigned by a superior authority; that which one undertakes or is expected to do. A post, the possession of which imposes certain duties upon the possessor and confers authority for their performance. A position of authority under a government. A place where business is carried on." "My Father's business." John 5:17 Luke 2:49

Are not words wonderful when we *know* what they *really* mean?

I shall be in our dear office Friday, ready to continue working, for indeed, I have not been idle.

Much love to my four precious students for whom and to whom I am deeply grateful.

Faithfully yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

BASKET TWELVE

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

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REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF READING ROOM, FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, NEW YORK CITY

It has dawned upon human thought that Mrs. Eddy is the Discoverer of a *Science.* She has written the textbook of this Science. Its title embraces the whole realm of true knowledge—"Science"—and the desire of all people—"Health"—thereby it becomes in fact, the "Key to the Scriptures"—all revealed Truth.

Mrs. Eddy has founded a Church which has already become the greatest educational Institution in the world. No university can compare with the Christian Science Church in simplicity of organization, in comprehensiveness of method, in definiteness of purpose, and in thorough attention to detail. The members of this great Institution are students of the Science of Mind, students of Life and Truth; every human need becomes a problem to be worked out scientifically according to a fixed law or Principle; and every home becomes a classroom.

When we consider that every ill of human experience has been brought about by wrong thinking, we are ready to acknowledge how vital to the interests of the individual and of the community is the ability to think rightly. The Christian Science Reading Room offers a place, provides an environment where the habit of wrong thinking may be dropped, and the new or real thinking may be acquired; where human opinions and human experiences do not obtain; where the spiritual perceptions are exercised, instead of physical sense; where Mind speaks, and matter is silent; where Love reigns, and self has no kingdom.

It might be interesting for you to hear how the work of the Reading Room is carried on. I quote from the "Rules Governing Practitioners in the Reading Room."

Article I

Qualifications of Practitioners

1. Practitioners in the Reading Room of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York City, shall be elected from the members of this church and appointed by the Board of Trustees. They shall also be members of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

2. Practitioners shall not pursue other vocations or professions, and shall hold themselves in readiness to respond, as far as possible, to special calls at any time, upon notice from the Chairman of the Reading Room Committee.

Article II

Organization

1. The practitioners shall appoint from among their number a committee of five, to be known as the Practi-

tioners' Committee. This committee shall be organized with a Chairman and a Secretary, both of whom shall be elected by the practitioners at their annual meeting.

DUTIES OF CHAIRMAN

2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to organize a committee for the reception of visitors and patients; said committee shall be known as the Reading Room Reception Committee, and shall be composed of members of this church. Vacancies shall be filled from a waiting list, the names of which shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Under this Article there has been organized a Reception Committee consisting of one hundred and forty-eight members. I quote from "Rules Governing Reception Committee":

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

1. The Reception Committee shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Reading Room Committee, who shall organize the members into fourteen working committees—one committee for each half day in the week, and two evening committees.

The church has grown as a body in all directions, in all its parts. It has therefore been found necessary to increase the Reception Committee. These faithful sentinels and messengers are baptized hourly by the love and gratitude of practitioners, of fellow church members, and of all who visit the Reading Room.

Some faint idea may be had of the amount and nature of this work when we consider that this committee, during the year, received 52,555 visitors, and saw that they were properly cared for. This is an increase of 22.7 per cent., or very nearly 10,000 over the preceding year. This increase is due in part to the opening of the Reading Room two evenings in the week,—Tuesday and Friday.

A very beautiful phenomenon followed the extension of the work into the evening hours—reading lamps were placed on every table, thus bringing *light* nearer to each student of our beloved Leader's works. Many a careworn man or woman has taken deep draughts of this healing atmosphere; many an apathetic nature has been quickened by the mental activity here; many a sorrow-darkened heart has been irradiated by the glory of the spiritual life; many a suffering sense has been destroyed, and many a sin laid bare and forsaken.

Whence this atmosphere, this activity, this light? Thought is force, Mrs. Eddy says, and the mighty *force* of healing is here being constantly operated. A continuous battle is being fought against sin, disease, and death by trained soldiers. Hate and fear, resentment and criticism are being momently destroyed by Love; hypocrisy and deceit are going out before irresistible Truth; malice and ignorance are yielding to the sweet influence of pure Mind. The world calls these sins, rheumatism and neurasthenia, cancer and consumption, headache and—but their name is legion. Every day, however, these ills are being driven out, and healthy conditions are appearing.

Patients treated.....	3,004	Increase over 1907...	417
Diseases "	4,704	" " " ...	188

Children treated.....	183	Increase over 1907...	9
Diseases healed.....	3,331	" " " ...	153
Failed under medicine..	1,659	" " " ...	178
Patients passed on.....	4	Decrease under " ...	2

The flexibility of the organization, and the ready response to meet any new conditions that may arise, were strikingly evidenced this summer, when, on account of repairs in the Reading Room, the auditorium was temporarily used for that purpose. Not a jar or inconvenience or annoyance was felt. All went smoothly and naturally.

I take this opportunity to reply to a question often put to me: "How can I contribute to the work of the church? How can I help the Reading Room?" Every earnest, loving, *disciplined* Christian Scientist who enters this Room and quietly reads or thinks into consciousness the great message of "Science and Health," or the noble truths of the Bible, is meeting and destroying the evils of ignorance or malicious thinking. Much has been accomplished on this line, but infinitely more can be done by each member of the church in contributing to the poise, balance, serenity, and joy that comes from conquered self and quiet communion with God.

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE, *Chairman.*

January, 1909.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF READING ROOM, FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, NEW YORK CITY

Our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, has, in this last year, taught us, from the Mount of Vision where she stands, wonderful truths of absolute Christian Science.

She has led far on the journey from sense to Soul and has called upon us to discern the "Soul-created forms" which she says the spiritual sense cognizes and which are permanent. Science teaches us that "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*" To our great Leader this has long been apparent. Our wonder increases as we consider her infinite patience while: "Eternal Truth is changing the universe. As mortals drop off their mental swaddling-clothes, thought expands into expression."

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My. 357

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Every stage and quality of thought has its phenomena, and it would seem well for us to review at this important point of our journey, the road we have thus far traversed, and for this reason, I submit to you a brief outline of the history of the Reading Room of our dear church as gathered from the Reports of its Chairmen.

The first report was submitted to the church at its Annual Meeting in January, 1904. This Report opens as follows:

> At the last Annual Meeting, a clause was added to the By-Laws of this Church, providing for the appointment of a Reading Room Committee and practitioners of Christian Science Mind-healing to be regularly in attendance. Soon after the Annual Meeting the Board of Trustees appointed twenty-three practitioners who had already served in this capacity in the 48th Street Church, and since our removal into our new Church the number has increased to twenty-six. Owing to the transitional condition during the first half of the year, we were unable to organize until September, when the trustees made the appointment of a Reading Room Committee, comprising five of the oldest practitioners.
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> In the early fall, owing to the increase of visitors and

applicants for healing, it became necessary for us to call upon the members of the Church for service in the Reading Room and in consequence, a Reception Committee of seventy-two was appointed.

From the Report of 1905, I quote:

The healing has included nearly every disorder known to mortals. The interesting and convincing testimonies, which have been given at our Wednesday evening meetings, and the large additions to our Church membership are sufficient proofs of the healing work accomplished during the past year, and do not need repetition here. Our Rooms have been spoken of as the "Nursery" of the Church, because they feed and sustain those who are new-born of Spirit, and also as the "Workshop," for it is here that the every day applications of our Leader's Writings are practically worked out and applied to suffering humanity, so that which is taught at our services is hourly proved in our Reading Room.

I quote from the Report of 1907:

At the Annual Meeting of the Reading Room's Practitioners recently held, it was decided to adopt rotation in office in the election of officers and committees.

From the 1908 Report:

The Church has grown as a Body in all directions, in all its parts. It has, therefore, been found necessary to increase the Reception Committee. . . . Some faint idea may be had of the amount and nature of their work, when we consider that this Committee during the year received 52,555 visitors and saw that they were properly cared for. This is an increase of 22% or very nearly 10,000 over the preceding year. This increase is due, in

part, to the opening of the Reading Room two *evenings* in the week, Tuesday and Friday. A very beautiful phenomenon followed the extension of the work into the evening hours—reading lamps were placed on every table, thus bringing the *light* nearer to each student of our beloved Leader's works.

The year 1909 made greater demands on all for increased understanding and more unselfed love. In February of this year, our Leader called upon us to "build higher," and to begin "on a wholly spiritual foundation." We redoubled our prayers, buckled our armor more securely, renewed the oil of consecration and understanding in our lamps, and pressed on in the fight for immortality. My. 357

In the *Sentinel* of July 31st, was published the following By-Law:

ARTICLE XXIII. **Teachers' and Practitioners' Offices.** Sect. 11. Teachers and practitioners of Christian Science shall not have their offices or rooms in the branch churches, in the reading-rooms, nor in rooms connected therewith. Man. 74

This *Sentinel* was received in the Reading Room on Friday, at noon. The following day, every practitioner had filed the address of his or her office outside of the church building. On August 5th, the Chairman of the Reading Room received notice from the Clerk of the church that the Reading Room's Committee and the Reception Committee had been disbanded by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

A meeting of these Committees was called by the Chairman of the Reading Room on the following Monday and the members were formally notified of the action of the Board by the acting Clerk.

As we review the constant ascent of the work of this church, we exclaim, "Hitherto hast thou brought us, O Lord, we will rejoice and be glad." "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

Zech. 4:6

We know that all material organization is subject to change and that as each point is gained in the climb upward and onward *out* of material organization, this point sinks beneath the horizon as we turn steadily toward the Sun of Righteousness in whose light "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

My. 357

We have a wise and infinitely loving Leader, to whom God has committed His great plan of Salvation. She looks out on this plan in its wide extension. We trust her implicitly with open-eyed, confident trust. And we will pray for wisdom that we may know how rightly to support the Directors of her dear Church, The Mother Church in Boston, and that we may be enabled to rise above material sense and "Abide in Truth, in fellowship with and obedience to The Mother Church."

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SIBYL MARVIN HUSE, *Chairman.*

January, 1910.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 10, 1910.

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MR. J. V. DITTEMORE, *Secretary.*

MY DEAR MR. DITTEMORE:

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Your letter of the 8th is before me. Citation from the New York *Herald* is correct. The New York *American* did not give the full statement I sent them, and there occurred typographical errors; "principles" should be "Principle," "life, truth, love" should be capitalized; otherwise it is correct. I enclose full text

of the letter from which this excerpt is taken. It appeared in the *Evening Mail* of February 6th. These statements were called forth by an article in the New York *Herald* of February 3rd.

No notice was taken of these reports by our Publication Committee, and I myself was forced to correct them in both papers. Knowing, as we do, that thought is force, I was mindful of the By-Law in The Mother Church Manual to protect myself against aggressive mental suggestion, and was obedient to our Leader's earnest call, "Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake." I availed myself of the self-defence offered by these instructions of our Leader. As the public press had been used for a malicious attack, Truth must urge "its resisted claims" and demand a hearing through the same channel.

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The neglect of the Publication Committee to do his duty and come to my defence, in accordance with the demand of The Mother Church Manual, forced me to speak in my own behalf. This failure on the part of the Committee, to whom our church pays a salary of about $300 a month, raises the question, What protection does the organization insure its members? It may be hereafter that the individual who is attacked through the public press will be compelled, as I have been in this case, to defend himself, and in the event of the failure of the person authorized by an organization, he will have to: "correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, injustices done Mrs. Eddy or members of this Church by the daily press, by periodicals or circulated literature of any sort." (Article XXXIII, Sect. 2, Mother Church Manual.) It would seem to me that we shall soon ar-

rive at that period of growth where we shall discern the
S. & H. Church as the "structure of Truth and Love," as a
583 wholly spiritual consciousness.

May I ask your indulgence while I seem to go far afield in my desire to make clear to you this fact, that I have found "the teachings and practices of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson" to be in consonance with my own interpretations of Science and Health, gained through two years of earnest study of its pages, before I became a student of Mrs. Stetson?

In the summer of 1896 I went to Europe, contemplating making it my permanent home. A dear friend, a student of Mrs. Stetson, gave me Science and Health to take with me. There, in a foreign country, among strangers, not a person to tell me a word of Christian Science, I read our textbook. As I read it, studied it, pondered it, I became convinced of the Truth. Questions which had been disturbing me for some time were answered. Other questions were awakened, which could not be answered by anything I could find in the Episcopal Church. My mentality underwent a great and far-reaching change. I began to so assimilate Mrs. Eddy's teachings that I had some startling demonstrations of the healing power of Truth. During that time, two years, I saw no Christian Scientists, attended no services. On my return to this country I attended First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, and although I had been brought up in an ornate ritual, I found myself *at home*. I loved it and unfolded in its beneficent atmosphere. Almost immediately I took class instruction. This teaching was as natural to me as the air I breathed. I became a member of both The Mother Church and of this branch church, and took up my residence in New York City. I was a constant

and regular attendant, and though I had little personal intercourse with Mrs. Stetson, still I felt in accord with her. In July of 1905, I was elected Second Reader. This brought me into association with Mrs. Stetson and the Reading Room's practitioners.

Later in the same year, on the completion of her new home, Mrs. Stetson invited me to become a member of her household. The work in the Reading Room, the constant measuring of everything by the standard of Truth, the unflinching handling of error to its native nothingness, the tireless effort on the part of all to be Christian Scientists—all this was exhilarating and inspiring—I loved it. As time went on, the problem of keeping up the pace over a road that was becoming more rugged at every step, because of the error in individual and in universal consciousness being brought to the surface, made greater demands on our realization and faithful endeavor. About this time, we were hearing of wars and rumors of wars. These indistinct mutterings became more intelligible, and at last reached us as distinct malpractice against this church. Mrs. Stetson handled the error understandingly. She saw the claim; she recognized it as the enemy of progress. Any student of history who has had his eyes opened by divine metaphysics knows that ecclesiastical despotism has never been met and destroyed in universal consciousness. Unless one is "aware that animal magnetism is the opposite of divine Science," he becomes an innocent or an ignorant avenue for it. All intelligent Christian Scientists refuse to be either avenues or victims of this claim, and we resist the enemy of Good, and so rise higher in spiritual power. My. 358

Never in all the "teachings and practices of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson," have I found anything

at variance with the teachings of Mrs. Eddy, as shown in Science and Health and in her other writings. These writings planted the seed in my consciousness, and the subsequent "teachings and practises of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson" have encouraged and enriched this planting.

I am rejoiced to have the opportunity so graciously accorded me by divine Love to make this statement to you, the Directors of The Mother Church, who I feel have been subjected to continuous misrepresentation of one who has done much to upbuild the Cause of Christian Science in the hearts of the people. It would take more than human power to offset the malpractice of such misrepresentation, and it is for this reason that no feeling of resentment is possible.

Very sincerely yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
February 14, 1910.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
J. V. DITTEMORE, *Secretary*.

MY DEAR MR. DITTEMORE:

In my letter to you dated February 10th, I claimed that the right to be called a Christian Scientist antedated my having attended any Christian Science services.

After having had class instruction in November, 1898, from Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., and thus becoming a student of a loyal student of Mrs. Eddy, I applied for membership in The Mother Church. In becoming a member of The First Church of Christ, Scientist,

Boston, Mass., I automatically accepted The Mother Church Manual as the law governing me in all my relations with that organization. It has been my earnest desire and effort to abide by its By-Laws, and I have studied them carefully, particularly during the last year. I fail, however, to find any intimation of any right being vested in the Directors to enquire as to my conduct in reference to my relations with any Branch Church of which I might be a member. The second question, therefore, in your letter seems to me to pertain to matters outside the jurisdiction of the Directors of The Mother Church. I shall, however, be glad to comply with your request and answer it as intelligently as I may be able.

None of the methods employed by the present incumbents have, in my judgment, been either scientific or Christian. Our Leader had called for democratic government—these methods to me were *not* democratic, neither before, during, nor since the Annual Meeting. I find obedience to our Leader's wish for liberal government in the Branch Churches interferes, therefore, with my living in fellowship with the present officers of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, for they do not represent such government as I understand it. I regret this, but I cannot do otherwise than thoroughly disapprove of what seem to me constant violations of the principles of self-government, and of the many evidences of arbitrary and despotic control. I have in consequence withdrawn from all church activity except attendance at the services.

The third question, gentlemen, seems to me to be of a most personal nature and very difficult of answer, for it involves a clear understanding of our Leader's exhortation and an ability on my part to meet a spiritual

demand. I am striving earnestly to catch the spiritual import of her words and to follow her direction. I desire to "support" rightly all that our Leader supports, and to "abide in Truth" always. By so doing I shall be able to dwell in fellowship with all who are so endeavoring.

For the answer to your first question, I refer you to my letter of the 10th instant.

Very sincerely yours,
SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

NEW YORK CITY,
April 11, 1910.

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
MR. J. V. DITTEMORE, *Secretary*.

MY DEAR MR. DITTEMORE:

Communications under cover addressed to me and bearing registration "J. V. Dittemore," were received. I find no letter of transmittal, but these papers purport to be,—1st, a copy of "orders" of the Board of Directors, and 2nd, a copy of a "Complaint" to the Board of Directors brought against me by the First Reader of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

I hereby distinctly and finally deny all charges, from whatever source, that I have been or can be "found trying to practice Christian Science contrary to the statement thereof in its textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." On page 456 of this textbook I read: "A Christian Scientist requires my work SCIENCE AND HEALTH for his textbook, and so do all his students and patients. Why? *First:* Because it is the voice of

Truth to this age, and contains the full statement of Christian Science, or the Science of healing through Mind."

This I know to be true, and the constant, earnest study of this textbook and application of its teaching enables me to understand, in a degree, why our great Leader found it necessary to state on page 457: "Since the divine light of Christian Science first dawned upon the author, she has never used this newly discovered power in any direction which she fears to have fairly understood. Her prime object, since entering this field of labor, has been to prevent suffering, not to produce it."

As a Christian Scientist, I am a follower of my Leader, Mrs. Eddy, and I recognize that this must be the "prime object" of *my* life and work.

I distinctly and finally deny all charges, from whatever source, that I have ever worked or am now "working mentally and otherwise against the interests of the members of this church who are not personal adherents of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson."

Your use of the term "personal adherents of Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson," I take to mean those among the members of The Mother Church who have been taught by this teacher, either by precept or example or both, and who have had enough of the spirit to receive her high interpretation of divine metaphysics. I am grateful for the privilege of numbering and classifying myself among those of Mrs. Stetson's students who are adhering closely to her teaching. By so doing we shall always be found blessing all whom our thoughts rest upon.

Very sincerely yours,

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

Analysis of my Attitude toward The Boston Board of Directors Viewed from the Standpoint of The Manual of The Mother Church

Man. 74 Article XXIII, Sect. 10: **"No Interference . . .** In Christian Science each branch church shall be distinctly democratic in its government, and no individual, and no other church shall interfere with its affairs."

At the time I was called to Boston, last summer, "to confer" with the Board of Directors, I was a practitioner appointed by the Trustees of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, to serve in the Reading Room of that church. When I came before the Directors, I was questioned about what have come to be known as "the twelve o'clock meetings."

Although there had never been any formal institution of these meetings nor was there any authorization of them by the Board of Trustees, it was known by these Trustees and very generally by members of the church that the Reading Room practitioners met together daily, at twelve o'clock, for spiritual refreshment and inspiration for their work. The First Reader was a regular attendant at these meetings. If there had been anything that in his judgment was irregular or unscientific it was his duty to bring the matter before the Trustees of his own local church. Article XI, Sect.

Man. 54 13: "A member of both The Mother Church and a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, or a Reader, shall not report nor send notices to The Mother Church, or to the Pastor Emeritus, of errors of the members of their local church; but they shall strive to overcome these errors. Each church shall separately and independ-

ently discipline its own members,—if this sad necessity occurs."

His further steps should then have been governed by the By-Law of the local church according to Article III, Sect. 7: "It shall be the duty of every member of The Mother Church, who is a First Reader in a Church of Christ, Scientist, to enforce the discipline and by-laws of the church in which he is Reader." Man. 32

This course was not pursued in my case. The one great essential, however, to the orderly and scientific course according to the Manual was lacking, i.e., "—if this sad necessity occurs."

During the last year, I have redoubled my earnest study of our Leader's writings, including the Manual of The Mother Church. The result is a stronger conviction than ever before that, in our twelve o'clock meetings, we were doing the work that the hour demanded. The spirit of the Manual pervaded and governed those meetings. "Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment" impelled our "motives or acts." We were reflecting "the sweet amenities of Love, in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness, and forgiveness." We were daily watching and praying "to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced erroneously." We were intelligently showing "the great gulf between Christian Science and theosophy, hypnotism, or spiritualism." "However despitefully used and misrepresented by the churches or the press," we employed "no violent invective" and we did "good unto your [our] enemies when the opportunity" occurred. We faithfully defended ourselves individually and as members of our church "against aggressive mental suggestion" so as not to be "made to Man. 40 Man. 41 Man. 42

forget nor to neglect his [our] duty to God, to his [our] Leader, and to mankind." We were demonstrating Article VIII, Sect. 7—"one Christ"—by destroying our belief in antichrist, or mortal mind, and our belief in its embodiment. We were closely adhering to the Golden Rule as emphasized in Article VIII, Sect. 8.

Man. 43 We were learning more each day that "Whatever is requisite" for teaching Christian Science and for healing the sick "is contained in the books of the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science." In fact, the whole letter of the Manual is illuminated by the spirit that inspired those consecrated hours.

This being so, the "sad necessity" for discipline did not occur. The demand of that hour was for spiritual building, and those who did not respond sufficiently to this demand dropped lower than before into material

Matt. 18:7 thought, and became avenues through whom "it must needs be that offences come."

In not being *aware* of being so used, the First Reader of this branch church and the First Reader and the Directors of The Mother Church would seem to have shown a lack of spiritual sense, and an ignorance of the workings of mesmerism, hypnotism and animal magnetism, that would seem to have laid them open to the danger of being charged with violating Article XI, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Man. 97 "It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publication to correct in a Christian manner impositions on the public in regard to Christian Science, injustices done Mrs. Eddy or members of this Church by the daily press, by periodicals or circulated literature of any sort."

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, C.S.D., was a member of

The Mother Church and also of First Church, New York, when the Publication Committee for the State of New York, was quoted in the New York *Herald*, for August 6, 1909, as saying: "Mrs. Eddy, voicing her disapproval of a certain practice, disapproves of that practice, not of the person who is responsible for the practice." This was in reference to a new By-Law concerning teachers' and practitioners' offices, and to Mrs. Stetson in connection with that By-Law.

Facts do not support this assumption that Mrs. Eddy disapproved of the practice of rooms and offices in connection with church edifices. In July, 1905, Mrs. Eddy said in the *Sentinel:* "I have the pleasure of saying, that, on June 27, 1905, my beloved student, Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, formerly the First Reader of First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City, and the dear practitioners of Christian Science in the Reading Room of this Church, presented to me these lovely tokens of remembrance." By this card, Mrs. Eddy publicly endorsed the practice of Reading Room practitioners. When, however, the Leader of Christian Science saw that a *point* had been gained in the line of progress, she made the By-Law doing away with that institution. Mrs. Stetson and the practitioners obeyed at once, and immediately adjusted themselves to the new conditions. There can be no doubt that there will be still greater changes, for as we read in Ezekiel "I will overturn, overturn, overturn . . . until he come whose right it is"; and in *Science and Health*, "All things will continue to disappear, until perfection appears and reality is reached." Again, our Leader says, "Spirit is infinite; therefore *Spirit is all.*"

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In the New York *Evening World*, October 25, 1909, appeared this headline: "Mrs. Stetson to claim the

mantle of Mother Eddy." The Publication Committee did not correct this statement.

New York *Herald*, October 25, 1909:

> Mrs. Stetson to lead Christian Science revolt. Followers of deposed instructor think she will then make her proclamation of separate Leadership.

Although this serious accusation involved many loyal members of The Mother Church and of the local branch church no notice was taken of it by the Publication Committee.

New York *Herald*, October 27, 1909:

> The Boston Leaders had received an unmistakable message that Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson intends on November 4, to lead her followers out of the Christian Science movement.

New York *World*, November 1, 1909:

> Mr. Cox said today: "It is possible, or even probable, that Mrs. Stetson will try to establish herself at the head of the Scientists in this city; but I do not think she will succeed. I do not believe that one-third of the church will stand by her."

This from the Publication Committee himself about a member of The Mother Church who has always deplored and denounced schism!

New York *Evening Mail*, November 5, 1909:

> Mr. Cox predicted that measures would be taken by The Mother Church to halt the influence Mrs. Stetson holds over her followers.

All these statements either originating in the Publication Committee or allowed by him to circulate unprotested, tended to misrepresent a member and members of The Mother Church, and to poison the thought of other members and of the general public.

Article VIII, Sect. 1, enjoins upon every member to "daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counseling, influencing or being influenced erroneously." The Committee has allowed himself to prophesy, judge, condemn, counsel, influence and be influenced. This is shown by his own statements. The progress of events has proved that he prophesied, judged, condemned, counseled, influenced and was influenced *erroneously*. This would show him to be negligent in observing Section 6 of this same Article: "It shall be the duty of every member of this Church to defend himself daily against aggressive mental suggestion, and not be made to forget nor to neglect his duty to God, to his Leader, and to mankind."

Article VIII, **"No Incorrect Literature,** Sect. 11. A member of this Church shall neither buy, sell, nor circulate Christian Science literature which is not correct in its statement of the divine Principle and rules and the demonstration of Christian Science. Also the spirit in which the writer has written his literature shall be definitely considered. His writings must show strict adherence to the Golden Rule, or his literature shall not be adjudged Christian Science." In an editorial entitled "One Mother Church in Christian Science," Mr. McLellan says in the *Sentinel* of December 5, 1908:

> A newspaper of November 30 announces, on information said to have been received from First Church of Christ, Scientist, of New York City, that: "It is proposed

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> to have a church edifice, rivaling in beauty of architecture any other religious structure in America. . . . It was learned last night that Christian Scientists here have aspired to build another and more splendid edifice, ever since the Boston Christian Scientists erected the $2,000,000 Mother Church.

Very little time could have intervened for properly authenticating this report, between a daily newspaper issue of Monday, November 30, and the preparing of a comment upon it to appear in a weekly publication bearing date of Saturday, December 5. This interval of possibly not more than one day, for the Sentinel goes to press in the early part of the week, would seem to indicate a willingness on the part of the editor-in-chief of the Christian Science publications to give this hearsay report an immediate and wide circulation throughout the Field. Moreover, Mr. McLellan did not fail to make this news item of yellow journalism the basis for remarks which reflected on the loyalty of this church and tended to arouse in the minds of the readers of the Sentinel, doubt and suspicion as to the motives and acts of the members of First Church, New York. This method of procedure was an infringement of Article XI, "**Violation of Christian Fellowship.** Sect. 3. Any member who shall unjustly aggrieve or villify the Pastor Emeritus or another member, or who does not live in Christian fellowship with members who are in good and regular standing with this Church, shall either withdraw from the Church or be excommunicated."

The editorial, "None Good but One" (*Sentinel*, July 31, 1909), misrepresents a teacher and a body of her students. This is done by culling out of a very long letter written by twenty-five of these students, excerpts which are detached from their context, arranged irrespective

of even the original sentence formation, and are then misapplied.

This and similar articles were at first veiled, and not openly addressed to members of this church. Later, however, the name of First Church, New York, was publicly used and published in the Sentinel, as were also those of certain members. These various editorials, articles, letters, etc., have turned the thought of the Field on First Church, New York, and through this tide of undisciplined thought has poured the poison of malpractice which works as a false claim in universal mortal thought.

On September 20, 1909, I received a letter from the Clerk of The Mother Church saying, "We wish to confer with you." I obeyed the call and was in the Clerk's room, in Boston, at the appointed hour. As others were in "conference" with the Directors, I spent the entire day in silent communion with God and in earnest study of our Leader's writings, so that I might be consciously under the law of Spirit and respond to every spiritual demand. The next day I was called before the Directors. Instead of a "conference," I found I was to be questioned as to the teaching and practices of my teacher, Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson. I felt at once that Judge Smith, in the rôle of inquisitor, had taken his position in absolute opposition to Mrs. Stetson. The questions asked me were of such a nature that an immediate answer of Yes or No would have given an erroneous impression—would have been no answer. The only answer desired or required, or permitted, was Yes or No as to whether certain statements had been made by Mrs. Stetson. Unless the setting, the occasion, the motive, the intent and spiritual content of such statements were given, it would be impossible to

convey the truth by saying Yes or No. In view of all this, I refused to answer the question, "Have you ever heard Mrs. Stetson say that the church of which she is a member is the only legitimate branch church in New York City?" This question can not be answered by Yes or No. It is both Yes *and* No.

Mrs. Stetson was considering the spiritual foundation and superstructure or Church. I perfectly well understood this, for the accompanying conversation and setting of the declaration induced such understanding. She had taught me that in order for a church to be a legitimate branch, it must be of like nature with the vine, of which Mrs. Eddy said: it is "the superstructure of Truth, reared on the foundation of Love, and pinnacled in Life." First Church of New York was struggling to maintain a firm foothold in this great city, when a number of its members went out from it to form another church. The Cause was not growing so rapidly as to justify or necessitate this movement; it was not in obedience to the divine law, "multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it"; it was division—in other and clearer terms, it was schism, not unity. As legally chartered branches of the Boston organization, Mrs. Stetson never failed to recognize all the Christian Science churches. Those churches, however, that have been the outcome of rivalry and ambition she knew and I know are not legitimate branches of that Mother Vine which shall fill the earth with its branches laden with fruit.

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In refusing to hear such explanation, and in making it impossible to convey our teacher's teaching, it would seem that our inquisitors were not "impelled by an honest purpose to arrive at the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, in relation to conditions and

practices in First Church of Christ, Scientist, New York." In which case they were not obedient to Article VIII, Sect. 1: "Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment should impel the motives or acts of the members of The Mother Church."

The history of the last eighteen months may be summed up in these words:

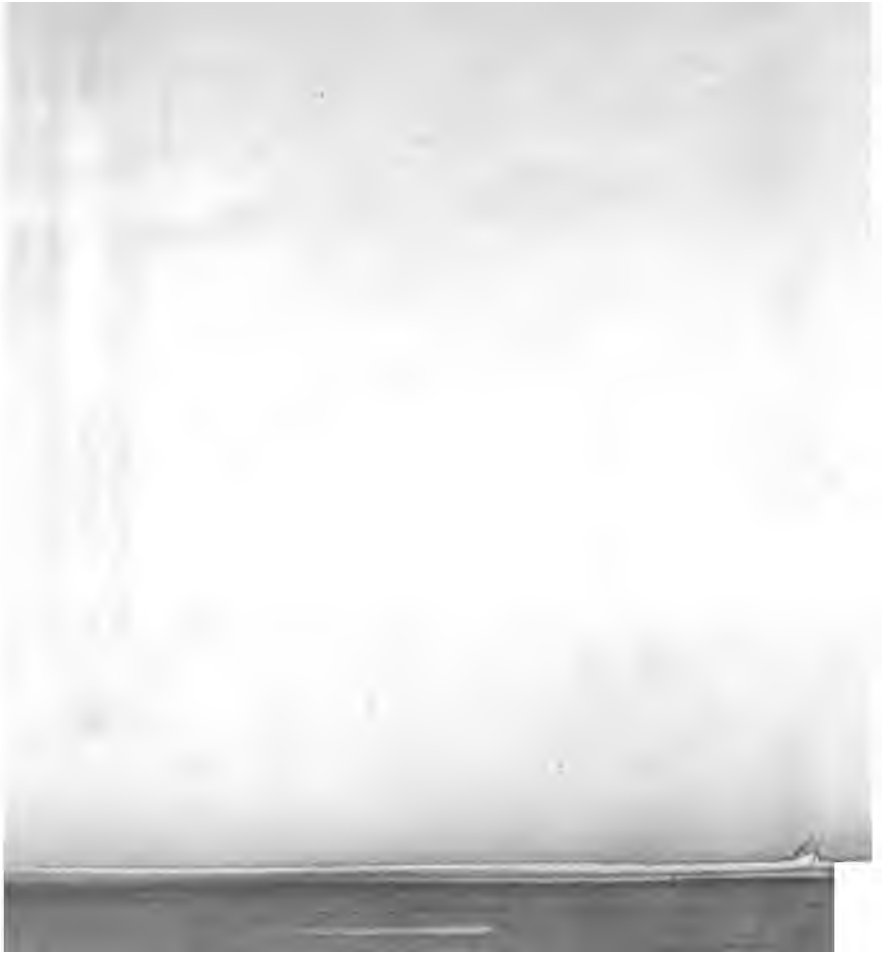
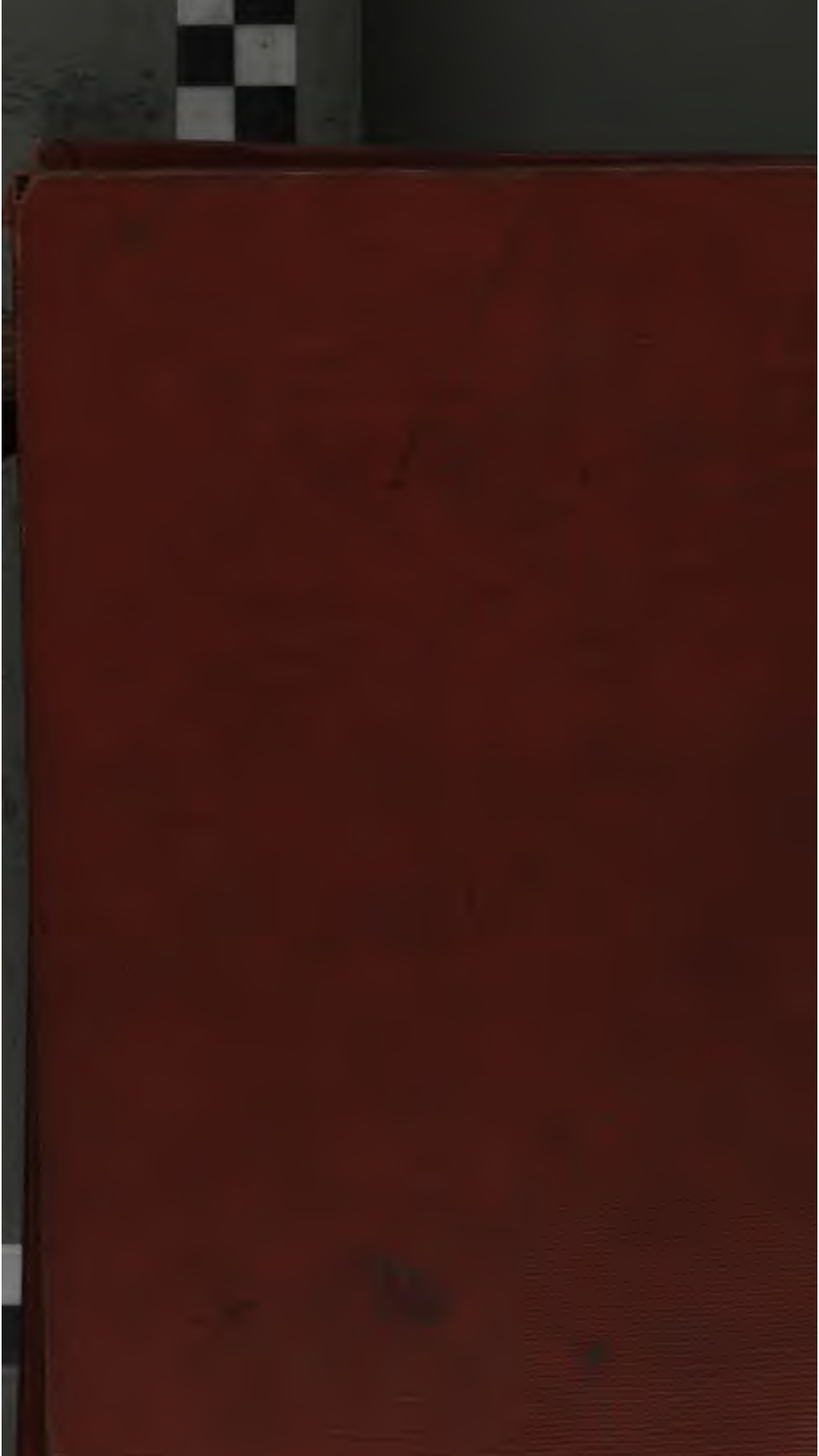
When the divine command to "multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it" pressed upon the consciousness of this church, our dear teacher, Mrs. Stetson, reached out gropingly to *repeat* her finished work in another material phenomenon, where "earth's sweet songs" might again be heard. But a warning cry came from our watchful Leader, who sees within the veil and hears already the *triumph* song, the "pæans of praise," and reads with the seer's eye the "records of Omnipotence": Gen. 1:28 Rem. 529

> When my dear brethren in New York desire to build higher,—to enlarge their phylacteries and demonstrate Christian Science to a higher extent,—they must begin on a wholly spiritual foundation, than which there is no other, and proportionably estimate their success and glory of achievement only as they build upon the rock of Christ, the spiritual foundation. This will open the way, widely and impartially, to their never-ending success,—to salvation and eternal Christian Science. My. 357

In the thick clouds of misrepresentation and of ignorant criticism of her motives and acts, our dear teacher, Mrs. Stetson, struggled bravely on, grasping more firmly the hand of God and thus uniting herself more inseparably to her Leader and Teacher. The waters of malpractice rose high; the enemy was within the camp; the brethren in the Field were poisoned by

ignorant interpretations of events, by open criticisms in letters and by garbled excerpts from letters sent to the Sentinel.

The confusion and turmoil became deafening. The clouds and suffocating fumes of error's destruction under the Law of Truth filled the atmosphere. The storm broke! Fear seized many and they called upon constituted authority to cover them. The earth quaked, and a great convulsion laid bare the foundation Rock
My. of all spiritual building, even "Spirit is infinite; there-
357 fore *Spirit is all.*"

SIBYL MARVIN HUSE.

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